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## In Afghanistan, \$300M wasted on an unfinished dam

By Megan McCloskey  
ProPublica

The five-day mission was dangerous and grueling. Thousands of troops hauled a 220-ton turbine piecemeal on trucks the entire length of a Taliban-infested province in southern Afghanistan. The feat was hailed by the British military as on par with the logistics of World War II and cost about \$1 million.

The herculean effort was for USAID's marquee reconstruction project, the Kajaki Dam, the lynchpin of an ambitious and expensive plan to bring electricity to southern Afghanistan.

That was 2008. The turbine has sat, unassembled, in rusting containers at Kajaki ever since.

As the U.S. attempts to withdraw from Afghanistan, there is perhaps no better example of its botched efforts to rebuild and stabilize the country than the Kajaki Dam. For the past year, ProPublica has been scrutinizing the tens of billions spent on reconstruction in Afghanistan by the military, the State Department and the U. S. Agency for International Development. Project after project has foundered because the U.S. ignored history, warnings, local culture and common sense. Last month, ProPublica analyzed and, for the first time, added up the cost of these failures and found at least \$17 billion in questionable spending since 2009.

On Wednesday, a subcommittee of the Senate Armed Services Committee will hold a hearing on the activities of controversial Pentagon task force responsible for some of this spending. The task force was supposed to develop the Afghan economy, but has little to show for five years and hundreds of millions spent. Instructive context about how these types of failures come to be can be found in the story of the Kajaki Dam.

Trumpeted as a symbol of America's visionary support for Afghanistan, the dam has become instead a monument for all that has gone wrong: Project planners were overly ambitious, oblivious to conditions on the ground and unable to meet key deadlines or keep costs from ballooning. For the Afghans, it meant that promises were broken. For American taxpayers, upwards of \$300 million could end up wasted.

The Kajaki Dam was built in the rugged, rural north of Helmand Province in the 1950s during America's first push to make Afghanistan a modern country and an ally. The U.S. turned it into hydroelectric power station in the 1970s, but abandoned the project before completion when the Russians invaded in 1979.

In 2004, three years after the U.S. led its own invasion, USAID restarted the project with great fanfare. The agency successfully refurbished two turbines that were nearly inoperable after decades of neglect and the dam eventually began producing some power. But its true success hinged on installing a third, modern turbine that could vastly increase that power throughout the area, including to the city of Kandahar, a strategic and populated urban center one province to the east.

That addition was supposed to be complete a decade ago.

The Internet is littered with stories over the years about how the Kajaki Dam would now be finished in 2007! In 2009! In 2013! In 2015! Each time the deadline was missed, USAID remained optimistic about the dam's prospects, even when others acknowledged failure, such as Gen. David Petraeus telling BBC News in 2011 that Kajaki was a classic case of "over-promising but under-deliver[ing]." Former Afghan President Amid Karzai too criticized the project, saying "it is 10 years now that Kajaki Dam has been as it is...all of that money wasted."

Critics say the project's failure wasn't hard to foresee. The dam sits in Taliban country, a well-known fact that adds a permanently and dangerously unpredictable layer to what was already a monumental logistical challenge.

Former Ambassador William Taylor, who worked on reconstruction in both Afghanistan and Iraq, said such "large, national projects, particularly in conflict zones, tend to be targets. It can be counter productive."

But Larry Sampler, a senior USAID official who has worked on Afghanistan since 2002, said the agency couldn't have been expected to foresee the tumultuous security situation or Taliban interference with the project.

It's true that in 2004 when USAID re-launched the Kajaki project, the outlook for the country and America's involvement seemed more promising. The Pentagon had declared major combat over in 2003, the Taliban appeared decimated, and a new democratic government had been established. The country and U.S. efforts had transitioned, as then-Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld said, to a "period of stability and stabilization and reconstruction."

Just a year later, however, the NATO mission, which had been focused largely in Kabul, started expanding across the country to take on pockets of resistance and troop numbers quickly increased. By 2006, intensive fighting had picked up in in the provinces of Helmand and Kandahar, the spiritual homeland of the Taliban and where they have the most support among the population.

By then it was clear Kajaki Dam was smack in the middle of the Taliban resurgence. Even as more and more troops poured into the province, the Kajaki district has remained one of the more insurgent-infested areas, and for the most part "in Helmand, we never controlled much more than what the Marines stood on," said retired Lt. Gen. Daniel P. Bolger, who was in charge of training the Afghan security forces in 2011 and 2012.

The northern part of Helmand is also an extremely remote area still littered with Russian mines and with almost no infrastructure or connection to the newly established government. There are limited options to get to the dam. The road that runs there, Route 611, is by Sampler's own admission, "quite easy to close." Not unexpectedly, the Taliban often prevented workers and supplies from getting to the dam. Instead, USAID had to airlift supplies, increasing the cost by nearly \$7 million, according to a USAID Inspector General report.

The project also required significant work across wide swaths of Taliban territory to connect the dam to Kandahar city with transmissions lines.

With hundreds of millions invested, USAID continued to work on the mammoth project even as Helmand became one of the key areas of President Barack Obama's troop surge in 2010, and the deadliest province for U.S. service members. Unsurprisingly, during this period, the Kajaki Dam languished, and a top USAID official told The Associated Press that the agency had discussions in 2012 about scrapping the project. Instead, it forked over an additional \$75

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## Downey real estate agent killed during home invasion

**DOWNEY** - Two men and a teenager accused of breaking into a Downey house and killing the homeowner were charged with murder and arraigned at Downey Superior Court on Wednesday.



Jim Rudometkin

Paul Darvis Misikei, 19, Henry Willie Sao, 28, and Sakaopo Atanasio Folau, 17, have each been charged with three felony counts: murder, home invasion robbery and first-degree burglary, person present.

The charging document includes a special circumstance allegation that the defendants committed the murder during the course of a robbery and residential burglary.

Additionally, the felony complaint includes a special allegation that

Misikei, Sao and Folau committed great bodily injury upon the victim during the commission of the crime.

Prosecutors asked that Misikei, Sao and Folau be held on no bail.

Deputy District Attorney Efrain Matthew Aceves is prosecuting the case.

On Sunday shortly after 11 a.m., the three suspects reportedly went to the Downey home of Jim Rudometkin, 59, prosecutors said.

While at the residence, Misikei and Folau allegedly forced their way into Rudometkin's home. Shortly thereafter, Sao also reportedly entered the home, prosecutors said.

As this was occurring, a neighbor saw the attack and called police, according to prosecutors.

When police arrived at the home, the defendants attempted to flee the scene, however, Misikei and Sao were soon located and arrested, prosecutors

said. Folau was apprehended two days later.

When police entered the victim's home, they found Rudometkin bound and unresponsive. He was subsequently pronounced dead at the scene, prosecutors said.

Coroner's officials said Rudometkin died of blunt force trauma and heart disease.

If convicted, Misikei and Sao could face the death penalty if prosecutors decide later to seek it. Folau, because of his age, faces up to life in state prison if convicted as charged.

Evidence suggested that Rudometkin was specifically targeted in the attack, police said. Rudometkin, who was single and lived alone, may have previously hired one of the suspects to do work at the house, sources said.

## Police officer murder suspects plead not guilty

**DOWNEY** - The three suspects accused of murdering Downey police officer Ricky Galvez pleaded not guilty last week.

Jeremy Anthony Alvarez, 21, Steven Knott, 18, and Abel Diaz, 17, entered their pleas Jan. 14 at Norwalk Superior Court.

If convicted, Alvarez and Knott could face the death penalty. Due to his age, Diaz is not eligible for the death penalty but receive life in prison.

Galvez, 29, was shot and killed Nov. 18 while sitting inside his personal vehicle outside the police station.

Authorities allege that the trio

killed Galvez during an attempted robbery. A police officer near the scene heard the gunshots and began a chase.

Alvarez, the alleged getaway driver, was taken into custody following a police pursuit that ended in the 1000 block of Carob Way in Montebello.

Outside the Downey courthouse in November, Diaz's sister said her brother denied shooting Galvez. Maricela Alvarado showed reporters a text message Diaz sent her about 20 minutes after the shooting.

"Mari I love all y'all," the message read, according to Fox-11. "My homie

(expletive) up n' did something."

A handgun allegedly discarded by one of the suspects was recovered. Investigators believe it was used to kill Galvez, according to the sheriff's department.

Downey police said Galvez was on duty and returning to the police station from a training program during which he acted as a K-9 agitator.

Galvez was a U.S. Marine combat veteran, having served in Afghanistan and Iraq.

## Lazy Dog restaurant opens at new Promenade

**DOWNEY** - The Lazy Dog Restaurant and Bar, the newest addition to the continually growing Downey Promenade, officially open its doors to the public Tuesday afternoon.

Lazy Dog joins its promenade predecessors 24 Hour Fitness, Cinemark, Floor and Décor, and Active Ride Shop, all of which have opened in the past few months. It is the first of a variety of many food locations within the promenade to open to the public.

"It's exciting to become part of a new community for us, especially

when we can create a space where people feel comfortable dining - whether it be for a casual bite amongst family or a celebratory meal with friends," said Lazy Dog founder and CEO Chris Simms in a press release sent to the Downey Patriot by the popular food chain.

Downey's Lazy Dog location is the 19th of the family-run group of restaurants.

The Promenade's newest edition declined to open with a ribbon cutting or ceremony, opting instead to piggy-back off of the Promenade's eventual grand opening at a later date.

Lazy Dog quietly opened their doors at 5 p.m. for their first official dinner service, after hosting several days of trial service for friends and family.

Lazy Dog Bar and Grill is located within the Promenade at 8800 Apollo Way. Operating hours are from 11 a.m. until midnight Monday through Friday, and 10 a.m. until midnight on Saturday and Sunday.

More information can be found at [www.lazydogrestaurants.com](http://www.lazydogrestaurants.com).

-Alex Dominguez, contributor



The sidewalk on Tweedy Lane near Price Elementary School is a little bit safer today thanks to a group of motivated Girl Scouts.

Last year, as part of their Take Action Project, Brownie Girl Scout Troop 17155 wrote to the Downey mayor, asking the city to construct three missing curb cuts on Tweedy Lane.

City officials honored the request. Troop members are pictured at one of the improved curbs.

### Weekend at a Glance

Friday 70°

Saturday 63°

Sunday 66°

### THINGS TO DO



#### Downey Symphony

**Saturday - Downey Theatre, 8 p.m.**  
The Downey Symphony Mozart, Holst and Dvorak. Plus an art show. Tickets start at \$29



#### Garcia vs. Guerrero

**Saturday - Staples Center, 4 p.m.**  
Undefeated champ Danny Garcia faces Robert Guerrero for the vacant WBC welterweight title. \$25 and up



#### Fiesta Mexico-Americana

**Saturday - Cerritos Center for Performing Arts, 8 p.m.**  
The Mexican-American experience through song, dance and film. Los Lobos guest star. Tickets start at \$40

### FROM OUR FACEBOOK

#### Downey man killed in home invasion

**Troy Baker:** With all the new business coming into Downey, it also brings new people/potential for crime from surrounding cities. They need to hire more cops and they need to take a headline approach with non residents who are causing problems!

**Tante Teche:** Exactly why I am considering moving out of Downey. I live on Lesterford and we were ransacked about 8 months ago.

**Cesar Mapelli:** The Mexican Beverly Hills is getting dangerous.

**Sandra Luz:** So saddening and at the same time frightening. One isn't even safe in their home on a Sunday afternoon.

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### TWEET OF THE WEEK

@WHSBearFootball: Great news comes in bunches! Congrats to Kainoa Fujiava for receiving another offer from Western New Mexico!#BearDown

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# SPORTS BRIEFS: Downey, Warren soccer battle to tie

By Mark Fetter  
Contributor

**DOWNEY** – The Downey High School boys' soccer team currently has an overall record of 5-5-2 and are 2-0-1 in S.G.V.L. play.

Downey defeated Dominguez (1-6-1, 0-2) at Dominguez 4-0 last Tuesday and defeated Lynwood (3-4-1, 0-2) at Downey 1-0 last Thursday.

Downey hosted cross-town rival Warren (8-4-2, 1-0-2) on Tuesday at 5:00 p.m. and came away with a 0-0 tie. The Vikings traveled to Gahr (4-5-4, 1-1) yesterday to face the Gladiators (score unavailable at press time). The Vikings will travel to Paramount (11-1-3) next Tuesday for their showdown with the Pirates and will host Dominguez next Thursday.

Coach Mires, his staff and players are looking forward to league play. Cross-town rival Warren and Paramount will once again be the teams to beat in San Gabriel Valley League play.

The Downey High School girls' soccer team currently has an overall record of 6-5-6 and are 2-1 in S.G.V.L. play. The Lady Vikings defeated Dominguez at Downey 12-0 last Tuesday and defeated Lynwood (5-4-3, 1-1) at Lynwood 2-1 last Thursday.

Downey hosted cross-town rival Warren (11-2-4, 2-0) on Tuesday and were defeated 1-0. The Lady Vikings hosted Gahr (4-8-1, 0-2) on Thursday (score unavailable at press time). Downey will travel to Paramount next Tuesday and will travel to Dominguez next Thursday.

Coach Fresquez, her staff and players are looking forward to league play. Cross-town rival Warren will once again be the team to beat in San Gabriel Valley League play. Downey and Warren were co-S.G.V.L. champions last year with matching 8-1-1 league records.

The Warren High School boys' soccer team currently has an overall record of 8-4-2 and are 1-0-2 in S.G.V.L. play. Warren tied

Paramount (11-1-3) at Warren last Tuesday 2-2 and defeated Gahr (4-5-4, 1-1) at Gahr 1-0 on Thursday.

The Bears traveled to Downey on Tuesday for a 5:00 p.m. game and played to a 0-0 tie. Warren traveled to Dominguez (1-6-1, 0-2) yesterday (score unavailable at press time).

The Bears will host Lynwood (3-4-1, 0-2) next Tuesday and will have their much anticipated rematch with Paramount next Thursday at Paramount. The winner of that game will have the inside track to the league title. Warren is the defending 2015 S.G.V.L. champion and look to win another league title.

The Warren High School girls' soccer team currently has an overall record of 12-2-3 and are 3-0 in S.G.V.L. play. Warren defeated Paramount (7-5-1, 1-1) at Paramount 2-1 last Tuesday and defeated Gahr (4-8-1, 0-2) at Warren 8-0 last Thursday.

Warren traveled to cross-town rival Downey (6-5-6, 2-1) on Tuesday and came away with a 1-0 win on a goal by freshman Alessandra Ramirez. The Lady Bears hosted Dominguez yesterday (score unavailable at press time). Warren will travel to Lynwood (5-4-3, 1-1) next Tuesday and will host Paramount next Thursday.

Warren and Downey were co-S.G.V.L. champions last season with matching 8-1-1 league records.

The Downey High School boys' basketball team currently has an overall record of 15-4 and are 0-2 in

S.G.V.L. play.

The Vikings traveled to Dominguez (12-5, 2-0) last Wednesday and were defeated by the Dons 43-41. Downey hosted Lynwood (12-4, 2-0) on Friday and were defeated by the Knights 67-65.

In the Dominguez game, Downey trailed at the end of the first quarter 15-2 but outscored the Dons 16-7 in the second quarter. Downey trailed 22-18 at halftime. The Vikings outscored the Dons 15-12 in the third quarter but still trailed 34-33 at the end of the third quarter. Dominguez outscored Downey 9-8 in the fourth quarter and held on for the 43-41 win.

Downey traveled to cross-town rival Warren (11-7, 1-1) on Wednesday (score unavailable at press time) and will travel to Gahr (11-7, 1-1) later today.

The Downey High School girls' basketball team currently has an overall record of 12-6 and are 1-1 in S.G.V.L. play. Downey defeated Dominguez (0-9, 0-2) at Dominguez 62-14 last Wednesday and were defeated by Lynwood (7-6, 2-0) at home Friday night 49-45.

In the Dominguez game, Downey led at the end of the first quarter 25-2 and led at halftime 42-6. The Lady Vikings outscored Dominguez 14-3 in the third quarter and led 56-9 at the end of the third quarter. Downey outscored Dominguez 6-5 in the fourth quarter and won 62-14.

In the Lynwood game, Downey went toe to toe with the league



On Monday, Downey High's frosh/soph boys soccer team took the Roadrunner Cup at Saddleback High School.

They played against and beat Santa Ana Valley (4-2), Santa Ana (4-1), semi against Century (2-0), and the final against Westminster (2-0). This the first time a team outside of their city had taken the cup.

Downey is coached by Marvin Mires, Brian Majano, Ian McFadyen, and Chris Seravia.

heavyweight Lady Knights but came up short. Downey will travel to Lynwood on February 3 for their much anticipated rematch.

The Lady Vikings traveled to cross-town rival Warren (9-8, 2-0) on Wednesday (score unavailable at press time) and will travel to Gahr (7-9, 0-2) later today for their game against the Lady Gladiators.

The Warren High School boys' basketball team currently has an overall record of 11-7 and are 1-1 in S.G.V.L. play.

The Bears defeated Paramount (7-12, 0-2) at Warren last Tuesday 53-48 and were defeated by Gahr (11-7, 1-1) at Gahr 79-61 last Thursday.

In the Paramount game, the Bears and Pirates were tied at 24 going into the locker room at halftime. The Bears led 37-35 at the end of the third quarter and held on for the 53-48 win.

In the Gahr game, Warren trailed 16-10 at the end of the first quarter. The Gladiators outscored the Bears

19-16 in the second quarter and extended their lead to 35-26 at halftime. Gahr outscored Warren 18-14 in the third quarter and again 26-21 in the fourth quarter to seal the 79-61 win.

Warren hosted cross-town rival Downey (15-4, 0-2) on Wednesday (score unavailable at press time) and will travel to Dominguez (12-5, 2-0) later today to play the Dons.

The Warren High School girls' basketball team currently has an overall record of 9-8 and are 2-0 in S.G.V.L. play. The Lady Bears defeated Paramount (7-3, 1-1) at Warren 62-25 last Wednesday and defeated Gahr (7-8, 0-1) at Gahr 62-33 last Friday.

Warren hosted cross-town rival Downey (12-6, 1-1) on Wednesday (score unavailable at press time) and will travel to Dominguez (0-9, 0-2) later today to play the Lady Dons. Warren will host league favorite Lynwood (7-6, 2-0) next Wednesday and will travel to Paramount to play the Lady Pirates next Friday.

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# Despite financial hardships, student earns full-ride scholarship



mother didn't go to college, she recognized the importance of getting an education and always encouraged me and my siblings to aim high."

Nahoul didn't disappoint.

Her hard work and determination — including excelling in every AP and honors class she's taken and achieving a 4.35 GPA — has paid off as she has been awarded a \$70,000-a-year QuestBridge Scholarship to the University of Chicago. She will be the first in her family to go to college.

"This scholarship is going to change all our lives," Nahoul said. "My mom won't have to worry about paying for college or going into debt and I will be able to accomplish amazing things in Chicago. I want to make my family proud."

The QuestBridge College Match Scholarship is a four-year scholarship offered to students who have faced financial hardships and are still able to emerge as top scholars among their peers. The program facilitates direct links to higher education and scholarship opportunities to increase the number of low-income students attending top universities.

QuestBridge allows scholars to pick their desired schools and rank them in order of preference — the top college on their list that accepts their application becomes that student's destination. Once a finalist is matched with a college, their scholarship covers tuition, room and board and additional expenses.

**WHITTIER** — Daisy Nahoul has faced significant hardships in her 18 years, including living out of a car as her family coped with financial difficulties. However, instead of letting her situation determine her future, the Santa Fe High School senior saw it as a challenge — one that would push her to unprecedented academic heights at the top of her class.

The summer before her freshman year at Santa Fe, Nahoul and her family struggled to find a permanent place to live, at one point living out of a car and a room within a garage. Once they could afford an apartment, Nahoul took over many of the household duties while her mother, Juana, worked to support the family. Despite the obstacles, Nahoul's mother never let her children's education fall by the wayside.

"The experience we had made us more unified as a family," Nahoul said. "Even though my

While at Santa Fe, Nahoul has served as a math and science tutor in the school's after-school program. In addition to her academic successes, Nahoul is one of the founders of the Fellowship of Fandoms club, which helps others pursue their passions, and was even an intern for a political campaign and a community representative for the City of Whittier.

"Daisy is an extraordinary example for her fellow classmates," Principal Kevin Jamero said. "Her ambitions and desire to continuously learn have helped her thrive under circumstances that might have held others back. She is definitely someone to watch out for."

Nahoul hopes to study molecular engineering in Chicago so that she can help facilitate progress throughout communities, tackling issues such as water resource problems in the University of Chicago's top facilities. She also plans of minoring in political science and applying to the university's policy debate team and Model United Nations, which will add to her goal of positively impacting society.

She said she's always optimistic regarding the potential for positive change within the world.

"Other students in situations like mine are unprepared for college, but like me, they should take that leap and have some aspirations for the future," Nahoul said. "It's better to have hope than give up altogether."

# Shared Stories: Spring on the DeSoto

Frank Novak and his siblings grew up in an old farmhouse in semi-rural New England. Time has given Frank a more complete picture of his father, who taught mathematics at a nearby college. *Shared Stories is a weekly column featuring articles by participants in a writing class at the Norwalk Senior Center. Bonnie Mansell is the instructor for this free class offered through the Cerritos College Adult Education Program. Curated by Carol Kearns.*

By Frank Novak

In the arrogance of memory, I had come to think of my dad as not being able to do things, to fix things. My father was an intellectual, a mathematics professor, a reader of Thomas Aquinas.

He had been in the war (WWII), but was trained as a Morse code radio operator rather than a combat soldier. He was a photographer, and a pretty fair piano player. For recreation he played chess, and hardly watched TV except for the news or other special occasions.

My memory of his talents and hobbies was shaped by the end game in the old house on Pleasant Street: the panel missing in the ceiling of the downstairs living room, the poorly constructed second floor joists exposed, and the drain pipes that ran flat and uneven below the second floor bathroom and dripped whenever a tub of bathwater was released.

Toward the end of their decades-long residence at Pleasant Street, my parents kept a large pan in the living room, and the pan, placed just in front of one of the worn couches, would catch the drip. They lived like that for years.

Even before that, throughout my youth and teenage years, there never was a shower in the house, just the old claw foot tub in that upstairs bathroom. Ten years after I left, my younger brother finally rigged a hose from the faucet to a shower head fastened to the wall to create a rudimentary shower.

A whole piece of history exists only in scraps of childhood memories. We moved to Orono, Maine in 1953. My parents were thirty years old. Broken windows had to be fixed, painting to be done. All I remember was a bright, pleasant little house that was warm and comfortable in the winter.

We were sorry to have to leave that little house to move back to Massachusetts, to my father's new job at Merrimack College, and the massive rambling farm house on Pleasant Street in West Andover.

It was 1958. Farming in West Andover was ending. The creep of the suburbs had not arrived yet, but it was headed that way, and so land developers were buying up the farms. Farmers were cashing out and either retiring or moving to cheaper land in New Hampshire.

This particular house on Pleasant Street was purchased from a couple who retired from farming, left the house in a state of disrepair, and built a new modern house around the corner and

down the hill. So maintenance was an uphill battle from the start. My parents were thirty-five years old.

The first work on the Pleasant Street house was repair of the L-shaped, two story shed attached to the back of the main house. Rumor had this as the original building on the lot, built in the 1850's. By the time we moved in, two additional sections, each larger than the previous, had been built, and the original building was now a shed whose back wall was ready to collapse.

With the help of friends, my father first replaced the large beam at the base of the wall. Then some framing was replaced, and the outside wall covering filled in. Our family had little extra money, so a full restoration of the interior remained a dream.

But still the ground floor remained a storage shed for successions of bicycles and other tools. The two dusty rooms in the top floor were stages for numerous children's projects and fantasies.

The main part of the Pleasant Street house sat on a fieldstone foundation, the top of which was a couple of feet above the ground level. The house was a full two stories, each ceiling somewhat higher than those of more modern construction.

Above the second story was a full attic, with a steeply pitched roof at the top. The roof leaked, so early on my father, again with friends, re-shingled the roof. They laid tall ladders against the side of the house. The skinny ladders seemed dwarfed against the side of the house.

Standing close to the walls, craning my head back to see the sharp edge of the roof cutting across the sky, the ladders seemed to ascend forever. Working from those ladders, my father and a friend laid down several rows of shingles. Then they fastened brackets on the roof, much like the metal shelf brackets that you would fasten to a wall to make book shelves.

Long boards were hauled up the ladders and rested across the brackets. These boards kept the men from sliding off as they worked their way along the length of the roof and up toward the peak with row after row of new shingle.

By the time I left for California in at the age of 22, my father was 47 years old. He had replaced the plaster ceiling that had fallen down in the front study. He built a new set of kitchen cabinets. Along the way he had built a rowboat in the cellar, and started a bigger boat, a

shared project with me and my brother, that never did get finished.

Now, looking back, reflecting on my father's influence in my life, my vision of him has come into sharper focus.

I was 14. It was summer. The grass was growing unkempt on the edge of the gravel driveway. The left rear spring of the black hand-me-down DeSoto had begun to sag dangerously. It was morning: the light still slanted across the front yard and the dew sparkled on the grass.

My father and I jacked up the left rear really high with the bumper jack. We blocked up the frame and rear axle with cinder blocks and an old beam from the barn. Our shirts became damp with sweat, and gravel and grass ground into our jeans as we wrestled the rusty nuts, shackles and U-bolts with breaker bars, hack saws, and a bit of cursing under our breath.

When the long, multi-layered leaf spring was finally free, we headed for Lawrence in the rusted-out Plymouth. We waited through the afternoon at the spring shop, a dark barn of glowing ovens, dirt floors, with light sifting through a haze of rust that floated up from wire buffers and grinding wheels.

Men in grimy coveralls and damp gray skin disassembled our spring. Then they heated each leaf orange in a glowing oven, bent it back across a vice, just so by eyeball and instinct, and quenched it in a tub of oil and water to harden in its new curve.

By the next afternoon we had the DeSoto back together again. The left rear sat a little higher than the right, but good enough for a couple more years.

I learned to drive in that car, up and down the driveway, kicking up gravel from a spinning rear tire and stomping on the brakes to cause a small but satisfactory skid. And I learned the feeling of physical work, the satisfaction of changing things.

I have done plenty of physical work myself over the years — working on cars, and remodeling a house from the ground up. I feel like a fool for forgetting all of the work my father did when he was not teaching school, reading, taking photos, or playing music.

The lesson my father couldn't teach me, for there are some things that a person can't learn from their parents, is that we all get a little tired. I am having to learn that lesson on my own.

# Promenade dental office to open in February

**DOWNEY** — Downey Promenade Dental Group announced that it will open its doors in February at the new Promenade retail center.

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Dr. Pessah is a UCLA graduate and exclusively uses digital X-rays, which are safer for patients due to the 90 percent lower radiation exposure as compared with traditional X-ray applications.

Downey Promenade Dental Group is equipped with advanced technologies, Dr. Pessah said, including home-based registration capabilities and CEREC CAD/CAM

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## Rising crime

Dear Editor:

I read with interest the article “Police Increase Patrol for Pedestrian Traffic Violations.”

While this is very commendable I wonder if they should prioritize their resources in the prevention and prosecution of higher crime. Most recently we have seen a police officer killed in the police parking lot and a citizen killed in his own home.

What has happened to the Downey I moved into some 40 years ago? We now have crime waves and the city and police appear impotent to do anything about it.

**Jorge Montero**  
Downey

Dear Editor:

While I appreciate Mayor Alex Saab’s attempt to sooth residents’s nerves by claiming the deadly home invasion that occurred over the weekend was not a random incident, it does not eliminate the fact that violent crime in Downey is worsening. Or at least that is the perception.

It seems every week Downey is in the evening news for violence and murder. How do we make it stop? What is the police department and city council doing about this?

The reason my wife and I moved to Downey 10 years ago was for the relative safety of this community.

We don’t regret our decision, but we’re fearful that violent crime is worsening here, and our city leaders seem oblivious to the problem.

**Brian Buckley**  
Downey

## Space center field trip

Dear Editor:

Last week, my 5th grade students and I went on a field trip to the Columbia Memorial Space Center. This was the first time in my 30-year teaching career that I was in Downey on a field trip.

My colleagues, our parent chaperones, and most importantly, our students thoroughly enjoyed their educational experience. As one of my students wrote in his essay about the field trip: “It was an extremely entertaining, educational, and fun field trip!”

Needless to say, I was very proud of our city and the positive impact our center made on everyone. Thank you to all of the people, past and present, who have worked so hard to create a unique learning experience and a living tribute to Downey’s role in space history.

**Kathy Perez**  
Downey

## Fake tears

Dear Editor:

“Cry Me a River” -- remember that song?

President Obama was moved to tears for those who have been killed by a gun. Many have shed tears over the deaths of so many innocent people. I’m wondering why it took Obama so long or was it on the teleprompter: “cry here”?

Was this because he wants to do away with guns? I ask this because I didn’t see a tear shed over the thousands and thousands of babies murdered by Planned Parenthood and promoted by this administration. Almost a half-billion of our tax money is given every year to do this.

I don’t recall his being so touched when he, Hillary and Susan Rice lied about the deaths of the four in Benghazi -- no tears -- or for the death of Kate Steinle, who was shot in San Francisco by an illegal alien criminal who was protected by a government-sponsored sanctuary city -- no tears. Nor the U.S. Border Patrol officer who was killed by one of the almost 1,000 guns that Attorney General Eric Holder gave to the Mexican drug cartels -- no tears and also no punishment for Holder.

Speaking of guns, Mr. Obama now wants to have more control over gun owners, so he accomplished it by presidential edict. Kind of the way Hitler started off, wasn’t it?

Mr. President, many feel like crying when we see what you and your crooked administration have done to the U.S., ie Obamacare, tearing down our military, permitting the IRS and VA crooks to go unpunished. Have you cried over the valiant military, serving our country, who have died, lost arms and legs, and suffered other things while their families are suffering too? Some died waiting for a VA appointment while the VA falsified records so they and the IRS could receive their bonuses -- no tears there.

I think there will be tears when we see what will happen when Mr. Obama brings in many, many thousands of mostly young Syrian men (70 percent Muslim, 30 percent Christian), with no one who can properly vet them. As refugees they will receive everything citizens get. Also, because of so many illegally entering, we now see diseases we had stamped out (tuberculosis, polio). But, you see, we need people to take our jobs at lesser salaries.

We can also sing “Cry Me a River” for the trillions of dollars of debt we can’t pay.

Wish Mr. Obama had told us what the “fundamental changes” were before he took our country down. Did they really want more people on food stamps, more illegals, a President who would bow and scrape before Muslim nations, being rude and ignoring our only friend in the area, Israel? And giving in to Putin, more unemployment, a dictator who does everything by executive order, a weakened military, an administration that thinks it’s OK to lie and a treaty he and John Kerry signed with Iran, that could lead to missiles striking the U.S. and Israel.

Mr. President, if that happens, be careful, it could lead to global warming!

**Elsa Van Leuven**  
Downey

# What it will take to address income inequality

By Lee H. Hamilton

When the history of this year’s presidential campaign is written, one of its more remarkable features will be that candidates of both parties feel it necessary to talk about income inequality. Surely that makes this a watershed moment.

The issue is hardly new. As historian and writer Jill Lepore pointed out last year, income inequality in the United States has been rising since the late 1960s. As she put it, “The evidence that income inequality in the United States has been growing for decades and is greater than in any other developed democracy is not much disputed.”

More notable is that it has become a defining issue of our day, with Republican candidates seizing on it just as avidly as Democrats — though with different views of its causes and solutions. Some reformist Republicans have argued for some time now for the right mix of public policies to give poor and middle-income Americans more opportunity without shifting power to the federal government. On the Democratic side, as expected, both Bernie Sanders and Hillary Clinton press for a firmer public stance to redress the problem. No one suggests there are easy solutions.

To be sure, there are politicians, especially on the right, who believe there’s not much room for public action. Market forces will sort it all out, they argue. In this telling, inequality has come about because of globalization and technological changes that are unstoppable and that on the whole have raised living standards. Eventually, they believe, the gap between the highest earners and the rest of us will diminish. Instead of fighting inequality, we should be protecting and expanding the rewards for skill, leadership and entrepreneurship.

This argument assumes that the very wealthy won’t act to tilt the field even more in their favor. Yet as the New York Times noted last month, they are doing just that. “With inequality at its highest levels in nearly a century,” the newspaper wrote, “the very richest Americans have financed a sophisticated and astonishingly effective apparatus for shielding their fortunes.... Operating largely out of public view... the wealthy have used their influence to steadily whittle away at the government’s ability to tax them.”

Yet some reform-minded conservatives agree with Democrats on at least

# Let’s put prison sentences on probation

By John Kiriakou

You may have heard there’s a growing political movement against mass incarceration. Someone should clue in the judges.

In the past 30 years, federal judges have turned to imprisonment — as opposed to probation — as the punishment of choice for even minor crimes, according to the Pew Charitable Trusts. During that same period, federal cases have tripled in number.

The Pew study reports that “nine in 10 federal offenders received prison sentences in 2014, up from less than half in 1980, as the use of probation steadily declined.” Despite the ballooning number of cases in that time, 2014 saw 2,300 fewer probation sentences than 1980.

Part of the fault lies with the draconian mandatory minimum sentences that Congress passed in the 1980s and 1990s as it ratcheted up the so-called war on drugs. Attorney General Loretta Lynch told a group at Harvard Law School in mid-January that these laws have had a “devastating effect on poor communities, and were a drastic and ineffective response to the drug scourge of the 1980s.”

That may be true, but it’s not the whole story.

Drug cases account for about 47 percent of all federal crimes, according to the Federal Bureau of Prisons, or BOP. What about the other 53 percent? Should all of those people really be in prison? I think not.

First, there are many kinds of federal prisons.

The worst and most violent prisoners — murderers and terrorists, for example — are in maximum-security penitentiaries, which hold about 12 percent of the BOP’s prisoners. While we can certainly have a discussion about the use of solitary confinement in these facilities — critics like the United Nations call it torture — few would dispute that these dangerous offenders should be held securely.

# Your fear of terrorism could get you killed

By Peter Certo

One in 3.5 million: That’s the risk you’ll die from a terrorist attack in the United States, Ohio State professor John Mueller estimates. Rounded generously, that chance comes to 3 one-hundred thousandths of a percent.

That’s not how most Americans see it, though.

In a recent Gallup poll, 51 percent of respondents said they’re personally worried about becoming a victim. If you’ll forgive my amateur number crunching, that means we’re overestimating the terrorist threat by factor of about 1.7 million.

No wonder people play the lottery.

Meanwhile, Barack Obama is trying hard — with mixed results — not to get pushed into another Middle Eastern war. But that’s a tall order when Americans are more fearful of attacks than at any time since 9/11 — and when politicians like Ted Cruz are calling for bona fide war crimes like “carpet-bombing” Syria.

Obama tried hard to walk that line in his final State of the Union address.

He dismissed critics who likened the fight against the Islamic State to “World War III,” and insisted (correctly) that the group poses no existential threat to the United States. But he also assured listeners that the militants would be “rooted out, hunted down, and destroyed.”

To that end, Obama boasted, American planes had already launched 10,000 airstrikes on Iraq and Syria.

This appeal to the carpet-bombing constituency was Obama’s attempt to break the political taboo against counseling modesty about the threat of terrorism. Unfortunately, it only illustrates a much deeper taboo against admitting that foreign terrorism against our country is almost always a response to our foreign policies.

You know, policies like launching 10,000 airstrikes.

Political scientist Robert Pape should know. He’s studied every suicide attack on record.

Pape argues that while religious appeals — Islamic or otherwise — can help recruit suicide bombers, virtually all attacks can be reduced to political motives. “What 95 percent of all suicide attacks have in common,” he concludes, “is not religion.” Instead, there’s “a specific strategic motivation to respond to a military intervention.”

In the years before al-Qaeda pulled off the 9/11 attacks, for instance — and since, for that matter — Washington propped up repressive regimes in places like Saudi Arabia and Egypt, which ruthlessly subjugated Islamist and liberal challengers alike. It armed and enabled Israel, even as the country bombed its Muslim (and Christian) neighbors in Palestine and Lebanon.

And in between its two full-scale invasions of Iraq, Washington imposed devastating sanctions that caused well over half a million Iraqi children to die from a lack of food or medicine.

one point, which is that government needs to act to achieve greater fairness and opportunity in the economy. The stresses we see in our political system today — free-floating public anger and distrust of government and large institutions — stem at least in part from the widespread perception that economic insecurity has become entrenched in our system and there’s very little ordinary people can do about it. If inequality continues to grow, the stress on the system will ratchet ever tighter.

No one is arguing for a straight-ahead equalization of economic resources, which would not just require extreme restrictions on personal freedom, but would almost certainly hamstring economic growth. Nor, however, should government make the problem worse — which is what some politicians’ call for further tax reductions on the richest would do.

There are some broad directions we should be moving to ensure a degree of fairness. Current trends are not inevitable if citizens are determined to reduce the influence and power of money on the system. We need to shift resources to education and workforce training, though that will take time to produce change. Encouraging technological change that boosts unskilled employment — rather than stripping it away — will matter. So will protecting the progressivity of the income tax, encouraging the well-to-do to follow the excellent examples of their peers who are sharing their wealth, focusing on trade deals that favor workers and not just the business community, and providing incentives for people of ordinary means to save and invest.

We need to promote policies that help all children advance, and discourage efforts to further concentrate wealth. These are incremental changes requiring limited government action.

A reduction in inequality is an essential ingredient in a healthy democracy. To let the gap between rich and ordinary Americans grow larger will allow political pressures to build in our economic and political systems. We should aim for a country where opportunities are more equal and the distribution of wealth and income is fairer.

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Medium-security prisons, which still have high walls and guard towers, hold another 30 percent of federal prisoners. These are generally the bank robbers, serious drug offenders, people in on gun charges, and the like. If these prisoners are well behaved, and if they have fewer than 20 years to go on a sentence, they’re eligible to move to a low-security prison.

Low-security prisons hold another 38 percent of federal prisoners. Most people with mandatory minimum drug sentences are here, as are nearly all of the BOP’s pedophiles. Most prisoners at this level are on their best behavior because they hope to be transferred to a minimum-security work camp (though child abusers and violent offenders are ineligible).

But here’s a question: If a crime is so minor that a person can be sentenced to a work camp, which is outside the prison walls, then why are these people in prison at all?

Blaming mandatory minimums goes only so far. Not all crimes have them. In fact, most don’t.

So why would a judge willingly take a parent away from his family, or out of the workforce? Why disrupt a community when probation is a legitimate punishment that the judge has the authority to levy?

While on probation, the offender could continue to work and support his family, pay taxes and restitution, and still make amends with society. It makes more sense. It’s worked in the past.

If judges are serious about reducing prison populations, they’ll sentence more offenders to probation.

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In his letter explaining the 9/11 attacks, Osama bin Laden mentioned all of these things and more to argue that U.S. intervention in the Muslim world had to be stopped. That’s an opinion shared by plenty of people who aren’t mass murderers.

Similarly, before it expanded to Syria, the infamous Islamic State emerged out of a Sunni rebellion against the repressive Shiite government Washington set up in Iraq after toppling Saddam Hussein. To the extent that it’s engaged in international terrorism, ISIS has mostly targeted countries — like France, Turkey, Lebanon, and Russia — that have plunged into Syria on the side of its enemies.

None of this excuses terrorism in the least. But it strongly suggests that senseless wars only increase the risk of attack — especially when there’s not a bomb on this planet (much less 10,000 of them) powerful enough to put Iraq and Syria back together. Diplomats may do that someday. Carpet-bombing won’t.

Until then, a 0.00003 percent risk of terrorism is high enough. Why multiply it by acting rashly?

*Peter Certo is the editor of Foreign Policy In Focus and the deputy editor of OtherWords at the Institute for Policy Studies.*

## Sanchez: Supreme Court decision is ‘step in the right direction’

On Tuesday, Congressional Hispanic Caucus Chairwoman Linda Sánchez issued the following statement following the Supreme Court’s decision to hear *United States v. Texas*. The justices have agreed to take up the Administration’s appeal of the Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals ruling which upheld the decision by a lower court to halt Obama’s immigration actions.

“The Supreme Court’s decision to hear *United States v. Texas* is a step in the right direction. There is still hope. In a few months, the Supreme Court could rule in favor of the Deferred Action for Parental Accountability (DAPA) and Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) Expansion programs.

“Every president since Ronald Reagan has used their executive authority to act on immigration. Like Republican and Democratic presidents before him, President Obama used his authority given to him by Congress to end the uncertainty millions of families have been living with for far too long. The President’s executive actions on immigration would end the fear of deportation for an estimated 5 million people, many with mixed-status families. We in the Congressional Hispanic Caucus are optimistic the Supreme Court will rule in favor of extended DACA and DAPA.

“Finally, we want to make it clear to the Latino community that the original 2012 DACA program remains in effect and is not being contested in the *United States v. Texas* case. We urge Latinos to be cautious of possible scams by notarios or others that could try to take advantage of this Supreme Court announcement, since the final ruling has not yet been determined.”

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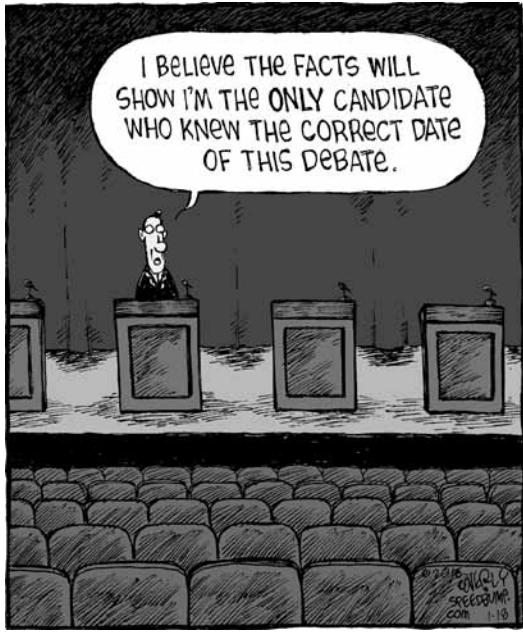
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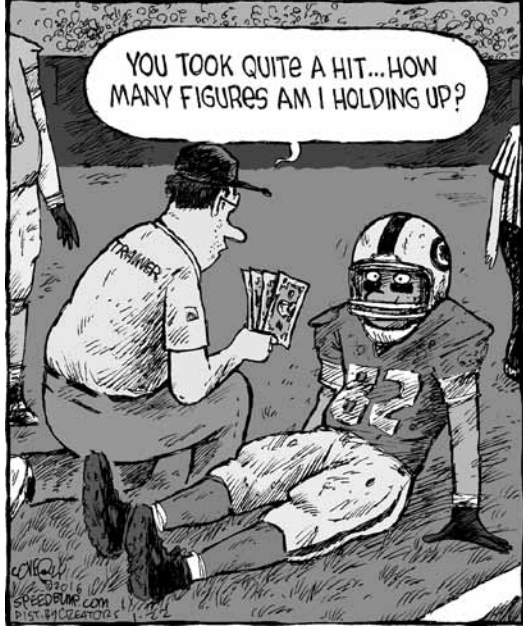
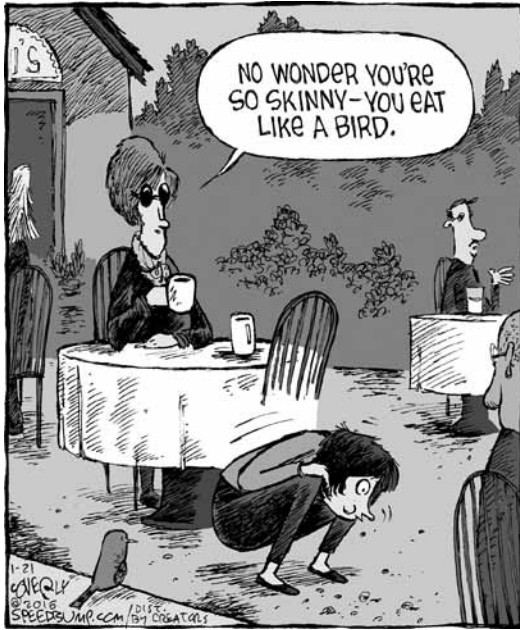
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## Downey Community Calendar

### EVENTS FOR JANUARY

Saturday, Jan. 23: Downey Symphony concert, Downey Theatre, 8 p.m.

### CITY MEETINGS

- 1st & 3rd Wednesday, 6:30pm: Planning Commission, Council Chamber at City Hall.
- 1st Tue., 4:00pm.: Recreation and Community Services Commission, Council Chamber, City Hall.
- 1st Tue., 6:00pm: Emergency Preparedness Committee, at Fire Station No. 1, 12222 Paramount Blvd.
- 2nd & 4th Tue., 6:30pm: City Council, Council Chamber.
- 3rd Tue., 6:30pm: Library Advisory Board, at Downey City Library.
- 4th Mon., 5 pm: Green Task Force, at City Hall.

### Regularly Scheduled Meetings

#### MONDAYS

- 7 pm: Boy Scout Troop 2, at Downey United Methodist Church, call 869-6478.
- 2nd Mon., 11 am: American Legion Auxiliary #270, at United Methodist Church, call 304-3439
- 4th Mon., 7:30 pm: Downey Numismatists, at Downey Retirement Center, call 862-6666.

#### TUESDAYS

- 9:30 am: Downey Seniors Club, at Apollo Park, call Paul Sheets at 714-618-1142.
- 10 am: Downey Bocce Club, at 7850 Quill Drive, call John Fiorenza at 652-4399.
- 12 pm: Rotary Club, at Rio Hondo Events Center, call William Medina 413-3477.
- 6 pm: Toastmasters Club 587, at First Baptist Church, call Karika Austin 260-3856.
- 7 pm: Downey Knights of Columbus Bingo, at 11231 Rives Ave., call 923-1932.
- 7 pm: Healing Room and Prayer, at Desert Reign Church 11610 Lakewood Blvd, call 861-6011.
- 1st Tues., 7:30 am: Gangs Out of Downey, at City Hall training room.
- 2nd Tues., 3:30 pm: Keep Downey Beautiful, at City Hall, call 905-7103.
- 2nd and 4th Tues., 6 pm: Sertoma Club, at Cafe 'N Stuff, call 927-6438.
- 2nd Tues., 6 pm: Downey Fly Fishers, at Apollo Park, call 425-7936.
- 3rd Tues., 6:30 pm: Community Emergency Response Team meeting, Fire station 1, 12222 Paramount.
- 3rd Tues., 6 pm: American Legion #270, at Sizzler Restaurant, call 544-0372.
- Tues., Thurs. & Sat., 10 am: Downey Bocce Club, at 7850 Quill Drive, call John Fiorenza 652-4399

#### WEDNESDAYS

- 7 am: Kiwanis Club, at Rio Hondo Events Center, call Steve Roberson at 927-2626.
- 1 pm: Women's Bocce Club, at 7850 Quill Drive, call Marie Puch at 869-4366.
- 7 pm: Out Post 132 Royal Rangers, at Desert Reign Church, call 928-8000.
- 1st Wed., 11 am: Woman's Club of Downey, call Cheryl Olson 833-8954.
- 1st Wed., 11:30 am: Downey Coordinating Council, Community Center, call Cindy 803-4048.
- 1st Wed., 7:30 pm: Downey Stamp Club, at Maude Price School cafeteria, call 928-3028.
- 2nd Wed., 11:30 am: Christian Women's Club, at Los Amigos Country Club, call Anita 861-3414.
- 2nd Wed., 7:30 pm: Downey Model A Club, at Gallatin School Cafeteria, call 928-4132.
- 3rd Wed.: Downey Dog Obedience Club, at Apollo Park, call Gina 869-5213 or Valerie 420-2972.
- 3rd Wed., 10 am: Los Angeles County Quilters Guild, at Women's Club, call (310) 604-0725.
- 3rd Wed., 10 am: OLPH Women's Guild, at OLPH School Auditorium, contact Armida Lugo, (562) 715-6142.
- 3rd Wed., 6 pm: American Business Women's Association, Rio Hondo Country Club, call Barbara 863-2192.
- 4th Wed., 12:00 pm: Retired Federal Employees, at Barbara J Riley Center, call 943-5513.
- 4th Wed., 7:30 pm: US Coast Guard Aux. Flotilla 5-10, First Presbyterian Church, call Brian 419-5420.
- Wed. & Fri., 10:15 am: Senior Bingo, at Apollo Park, call 904-7223

#### THURSDAYS

- 7:30 am: Connections Networking, at Bob's Big Boy, for info., call Nick Smith, 861-5222.
- 7:30 am.: Soroptimist Int'l of Downey, for information, call Mia Vasquez, 806-3217.
- 9:30 am: Take off Pounds Sensibly, at Barabara Riley Senior Center, call (800) 932-8677.
- 12 pm: Kiwanis Club of Downey, at Rio Hondo Events Center, call Roy Jimenez 923-0971.
- 12 pm: Optimist Club of Downey, at Rio Hondo Events Center.
- 6:30 pm: Downey United Masonic Lodge # 220, 8244 3rd St., call 862-4176.
- 7:30 pm, Boy Scouts of America, at First Baptist Church, call 776-3388.
- 1st Thurs., 12:00 pm: Downey Christian & Professional Luncheon, Sizzler's Restaurant, call James 310-1335.
- 1st Thurs., 7:30 pm.: The Downey Amateur Radio Club, at First Baptist Church room 120.
- 2nd Thurs., 7:30 pm: Beaming Rebel Foxes Collectors Club, call Carl D. Jones at 923-2400.
- 2nd & 4th Thurs., 6 pm: Lions Club, at Coco's, call Lenora (310) 283-9825.
- 3rd Thurs., 4 pm: Public Works Committee, at City Hall Training Room.
- 3rd Thurs., 6 pm: Downey CIPAC, at Sizzler's Restaurant, call Rich Tuttle 413-6045.
- 4th Thurs., 10 am: Assistance League, at Casa De Parley Johnson, call 869-0232.
- 4th Thurs., 7:30 pm: Downey Historical Society programs, at Community Center, call 862-2777.

#### FRIDAYS

- 7:30 am: Pro Networkers, at Mimi's Cafe, call Barbara Briley Beard at 869-7618.
- 3rd Fri., 8:30 am: Women's "In His Glory" Ministry at Los Amigos C. C. 622-3785.

#### SATURDAYS

- 9 am: Farmers Market, Downey Avenue at 3rd Street, call 904-7246.
- 4th Sat., 12:00 pm: Downey Arts Coalition, email contact@downeyarts.org.

### On This Day...

**Jan. 21, 1994:** A jury in Manassas, Va., acquitted Lorena Bobbitt by reason of temporary insanity of maliciously wounding her husband, John, whom she'd accused of sexually assaulting her.

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by Gail Grabowski

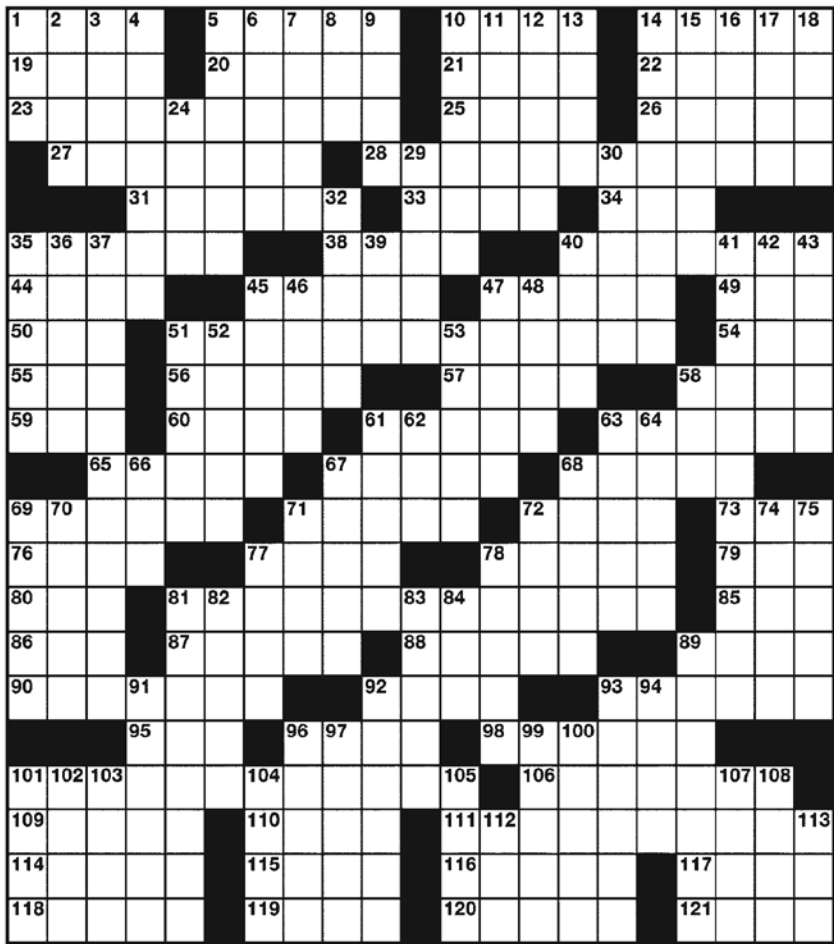
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# AFGHANISTAN: Still no power despite high spending

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million and handed control of getting the third turbine online to the struggling national Afghan utility in 2013, with USAID playing an advisory role.

For the Afghans to install it, however, 700 tons of concrete still needed to get to the site through the same Taliban territory the turbine traveled seven years earlier without British or American military forces to deliver it. Inexplicably, USAID missed its window to deliver the concrete when the U.S. Marines had cleared the area for a time in a major operation in late 2011.

Yet another goal date has been set for completion of the project – fall of 2016. (It was originally March 2016, then May 2016, then July 2016 as security problems persisted.)

The security situation of late doesn't bode well for meeting that goal. Last summer, the Taliban seized many cities in northern Afghanistan near the dam, and in the fall, the U.S. conducted airstrikes to fend off Taliban attacks in the area. In December, the Taliban overran the bordering district of Sangin. The Taliban's dominance of the area is such that it controls at least a third of the output from Kajaki Dam, collecting taxes from the people for its use, according to the Afghan national utility.

Even if the utility does manage to install the third turbine, the energy from it won't have anywhere to go. The Kajaki Dam is but one part of USAID's larger electricity plan that includes rehabilitating transmission lines between it and Kandahar City, and that hasn't been completed either. Putting in transmission lines that would connect the Northeast power grid with the one in the Southeast is also on the list.

The latest estimated completion date for the transmission lines is late 2018.

Today the Kajaki project

is pointed to by many — nongovernmental organizations, military officers, Afghans, former USAID and diplomats — as a prime example of an array of reconstruction problems. For retired British Gen. Sir Nick Parker, who served in Afghanistan, it exemplifies a common U.S. and British faux pas: failing to take into account the Afghan point of view.

Charles Tiefer, who was on the Commission for Wartime Contracting in Iraq and Afghanistan, said Kajaki is the symbol for how naively ambitious the reconstruction effort was.

On a trip to Afghanistan in 2010, he said, the commission was astounded to learn of the scale of what USAID was trying to accomplish in the energy sector. Tiefer said he leapt out of his chair to take a closer look at what was being presented.

"It's nice to dream, but the resources just aren't there in face of a potent and terrible insurgency to build, maintain and protect a national electric grid," Tiefer said. "The idea of completing this elaborate project in any interval short of the very distant future was a fantasy."

In interviews, USAID and State Department officials would not acknowledge that even minor mistakes had been made with the Kajaki project.

"I would say that Kajaki Dam is a sign of the American people's resilience and persistence of support of the Afghan population," Sampler said. Considering it a failure, he said, is short-sighted.

Jonathan Carpenter, one of the State Department's lead officials in the Office of the Special Representative for Afghanistan and Pakistan, cites energy as one of USAID and the State Department's most prominent successes.

Afghanistan's first nationwide electrical company, Da Afghanistan

Breshna Sherkat, or DABS, now decides what fees to charge and how to prioritize distribution, debates tariffs, and develops natural resources, Carpenter said. The capacity for such an institution didn't exist in 2001.

According to USAID's Sampler, at the start of the war less than 6% of Afghans had access to electricity and now 30% of the population is hooked up to an electrical grid. After years of reliance on foreign subsidies, DABS, which is in charge of the Kajaki Dam, is now solvent, he said.

Despite the optimism, USAID is still providing advice and expertise, including a nearly \$30-million, four-year program to help DABS manage its transition from dependency on donors.

And the utility continues to struggle mightily in southern Afghanistan. With the Kajaki Dam incomplete, the electrical grid project incomplete, and no money for fuel at the two generator plants the U.S. built as a temporary, stop-gap measure, most of the lights remain out in Kandahar.

The military spent \$143.5 million to build those generator plants in 2011 and nearly \$140 million more to buy fuel for them, deciding that having electricity in Kandahar was key to countering the insurgency. But after the troops left, the U.S. stopped paying for fuel in September. DABS hasn't been able to take over. That means that even the U.S.'s transition plan to make up for its failure to get the Kajaki Dam fully running is a failure, SIGAR said.

Bolger, the Army general, argues that among the Afghans, the long-term inability to finish the dam and other energy projects has a "more demoralizing effect than corruption. What the Afghans don't understand is how a country can land people on the moon but can't get the power running."

## Norman Hauret passes away at 95

DOWNEY — Norman Ferdinand Hauret, a longtime Downey resident, passed away at home Jan. 17, at age 95.

He was born Nov. 10, 1920 in Los Angeles, and is survived by sons Norman and Keith Hauret and a daughter Sherie Hauret, sister Gwendolyn Reuter, nine grandchildren and nine great grandchildren.

He was a veteran of WWII serving in the US Navy during the Pacific Theater. He was a Public Health Administrator for the Los Angeles County Public Health Department and later as a part time manager for Mosquito Abatement.

He was a member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, serving once as the Bishop of the Downey 2nd Ward and provided countless hours of service in other callings.

Visitation will be from 9-9:45 a.m. Jan. 25, with funeral services to follow at 10 a.m. at the Downey 2nd Ward, 12425 Orizaba Ave., in Downey. Burial will be at Rose Hill Memorial Park in Whittier.

## Women of the Year nominations sought

DOWNEY — Assemblymember Cristina Garcia is accepting nominations for her 2016 Women of the Year awards.

March has been designated Women's History Month and each year the California Legislature encourages Assemblymembers to highlight and honor deserving women for their service to the community.

Garcia will honor one recipient from each of the nine cities within the 58th Assembly District. Nominees must live in the district, which includes Downey, Norwalk, Pico Rivera, Artesia, Bellflower, Bell Gardens, Cerritos, Commerce and Montebello.

Nomination forms are due by Feb. 5 and are available on Garcia's website, or call Carina Chacon at (562) 861-5803.

## In Memory of JoAnn Higginbotham (Cockrill)

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JoAnn Higginbotham of Bellflower, California passed away on Tuesday January 5, 2016. JoAnn was born in Oklahoma in 1926, moving to California at the young age of six. She has been a loyal resident of Bellflower for more than 60 years, and a long time active member of the Messiah Lutheran Church of Downey, where she spent a great deal of time assisting the elderly and people unable to leave their houses.

JoAnn married her best friend, Jerry on Dec 10, 1961 and has not left his side in over 55 years. She is survived by her loving husband Gerald, her son Douglas Higginbotham and his wife Kathleen of Massachusetts, her two grandsons, Garrett Higginbotham of California and Wyatt Higginbotham of Massachusetts, her brother Donald Cockrill and his wife Shirley of Arizona along with many nieces and nephews.

A graveside service will be held on Saturday, January 23 at Rose Hills in Whittier at 10am. The memorial service will follow at noon at Messiah Lutheran Church of Downey. There will be a reception after the service in the Parish Hall.

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# Downey Symphony Guild hosting gala fundraiser Feb. 5

**DOWNEY** – Make your reservations now, while you still have the opportunity.

The Downey Symphony Guild is having its annual gala at 6:30 p.m. on Friday, Feb. 5, in the Rio Hondo Event Center. Celebrating the 58th consecutive year of the Downey Symphony Orchestra in Southern California, the Guild continues their efforts to financially support the orchestra and the "Music In The Schools" educational outreach program.

In addition to a delectable dinner and a silent and live auction, the entertainment for the evening is not to be missed!

If the name "Allan Sherman" does not bring any fond memories to mind, what about the words to a familiar song?

"Hello Muddah, Hello Fadduh. Here I am at Camp Granada. Camp is very entertaining, and they say we'll have some fun if it stops raining!" ...so begins the Grammy Award-winning lamentation by Allan Sherman. In the early 1960's Sherman became an instant celebrity when he sang and recorded his devilishly clever parody lyrics on the album "My Son, The Folk Singer." His comic genius hit just the right nerve with the American public and his first three Warner Bros. albums shot to Number One.

In the featured entertainment at the Downey Symphony Guild's annual Gala fundraiser, "Hello Again! The Songs of Allan Sherman," singer / comedienne Linden Waddell performs a one-woman show of his wittiest ditties. Directed and choreographed by award-winning director Janet Miller, with accompaniment by renowned musical director Marjorie Poe on piano, the concert delights Sherman fans and newcomers by presenting some of his best-known works and also includes lesser-known material, sure to enlighten even the most diehard Sherman enthusiast. But you don't have to know this parodist's work to enjoy this show.

Sung to the tune of That Old Black Magic:

"That old back scratcher has me in its spell, that old back scratcher like the Chinese sell. Your plastic fingers up and down my spine, the same old 'itchcraft' when your touch meets mine..."

These fun, silly, droll songs are presented in a zany and professional performance by Linden Waddell, former Downey resident. Linden attended Rio Hondo Elementary School and had to patiently wait until she turned 9 years of age to be able to audition for John Hume and participate in a very popular program that was going on in Downey at that time. Successful with her audition, she went on to many roles in Downey Children's Theatre and became the Queen of Storyland 1974-1975. Her education continued in Downey at Griffith's Middle School and Warren High School. The Downey Children's Theatre program ultimately evolved to a point where a permanent "performing arts" home was needed. A beautiful facility, now known as the Downey Civic Theatre, opened in 1970.

Linden is an alumna of the distinguished Los Angeles City College Theatre Academy and has gone on to perform in over 50 musicals and operas in California. She has graced the stages of the Los Angeles Shubert Theatre as the comedic opera cat Jellylorum/Griddlebone in CATS, as Kate in The Pirates of Penzance at the Ahmanson Theatre, and as several characters including the Poetess in A...My Name is Alice at the Center Theatre in Long Beach (earning the Robby Award Nomination). As a member of The Colony Theatre for 13 years, Linden made her debut there in Working, earning a Theatre LA Ovation Award Nomination as Best Featured Actress in a Musical.

She serves on the Board of Directors for Hidden Valley Music Seminars, an Institute of the Arts in Carmel Valley, CA, and is a founding board member for



The world premiere of Bryan Kostors' "To Dust" will highlight the Downey Symphony concert Saturday at the Downey Civic Theatre. Mozart, Holst, and Dvorak are also on the program.

Kostors' piece responds to the diversion of water from the Owens Valley to Los Angeles a century ago, which drained Owens Lake and left an alkali flat with punishing dust storms. Kostors has created a video to accompany the music.

Doors open at 6:30 pm so patrons can enjoy an exhibit in the lobby of work by local artists, organized in partnership with the Downey Arts Coalition. The theme is "Tempest."

Music Director Sharon Lavery will give a free talk before the concert at 7:15 pm.

Good seats are still available. The Box Office at 8435 Firestone Blvd. is open Friday until 5 pm and on Saturday beginning at 6:30 pm. Tickets may also be ordered by phone at (562) 904-7230 or online at [downeysymphony.org](http://downeysymphony.org). Free parking adjacent to Theatre.

the John Hume Performing Arts Foundation in Downey. Living in Silver Lake, producer, writer, actress, singer, and mom to two children, Linden is also wife to Paul Tzanetopoulos, an internationally recognized artist who provides the kinetic light installation for the LAX pylons.

Linden is currently presenting her original one-woman show in the Los Angeles area and is delighted to share her time and talent with the Downey Symphony Guild's fundraising efforts for the Downey Symphony Orchestra. It is a performance of laughs and nostalgia featuring standards and musical theatre classics by Irving Berlin, Cole Porter, Richard Rodgers, Harold Arlen, Jerome Kern, George Gershwin and Henry Mancini, plus traditional folk and pop songs. With inventive props, audience participation, variety, even a pre-show quiz handout, "Hello Again! The Songs of Allan Sherman" is a true crowd-pleaser for anyone who loves to laugh.

The cost, per person, for this festive evening of fabulous food and "first-rate" entertainment is \$70.00. Funds raised at the event will cover costs and support the Downey Symphony Orchestra and "Music In The Schools" educational programs. The fun starts at 6:30 PM on Friday, February 5, 2016, and takes place at the Rio Hondo Event Center, 10627 Old River School Road in Downey, CA. Please make reservations by January 29, 2016, by mailing your check (made out to Downey Symphony Guild) to Ms. Marie Eckstrom, 9700 Garnish Drive, Downey, CA 90240. For more information about this event, please phone (562) 861-8507.

# At Warren High, students encouraged to be leaders

By Valerie Aguilar  
Contributor

**DOWNEY** – Warren High School's club leaders were all invited to attend a leadership workshop on Jan. 9 hosted by the organization SkillsUSA.

Promoting leadership in the members of all clubs and organizations on campus, this workshop was open to anyone looking for a chance to develop their capabilities and learn new methods of leading groups.

The leadership board of SkillsUSA organized and ran the workshop in order to better establish their own leadership skills while also using the opportunity to leave a positive impact on the students, school, and community. This is the fourth leadership development day the SkillsUSA board has hosted, the three prior having been to a smaller scale but just as effective.

The SkillsUSA leadership board has grown so much from where they began, from not knowing too much about leadership themselves to teaching their peers what they know so everyone at Warren High has a chance to be a leader, the board has truly worked hard to better prepare individuals for life after high school.

"The event was not just a training we went through ourselves, but also an opportunity where we could share our knowledge with others because in the end we all want to progress together," commented Omar Gatica, president of SkillsUSA at Warren.

Among the topics covered at the workshop were team connections, etiquette in conversations, and public speaking. Discussing, socializing, and building teams opens students up to learn to work with others and gain the confidence in knowing how to approach different scenarios.

"I didn't know what to expect, but I was really surprised to find that the methods actually work in groups and I can see how any student could become more effective as a leader," said SkillsUSA advisor Shirley Stewart.

Volunteers from many other clubs besides SkillsUSA came together to help set up and organize this workshop in the hopes that it would better the students to make them successful leaders of tomorrow. The culinary arts club even provided a hearty lunch for the attendees of the workshop, cooked by students of course, which was a big hit with everyone.

"This was not a typical workshop run by adults or anything. It was run by my peers, so it was very relatable," stated Alejandra Lopez, president of the Ladies Leadership club. "They presented in a very professional way which encouraged other students to step forward to take on new roles of leadership they might not have taken before," she added.

The leadership workshop was only a small step in giving back to the community by inspiring young people to get involved at school, in the city, and anywhere else they can. The students studying in school today will become the next leaders, because they are the future of the community, and preparing them for the next chapter of their lives is important.

SkillsUSA strives to get young people college and career ready, globally competitive, and above all, to transform them into citizens of exemplary character. Downey is full of outstanding students who have the potential to become distinguished members of society, at the forefront of their chosen career paths, and cultivating leadership skills is the first step to their inevitable success.

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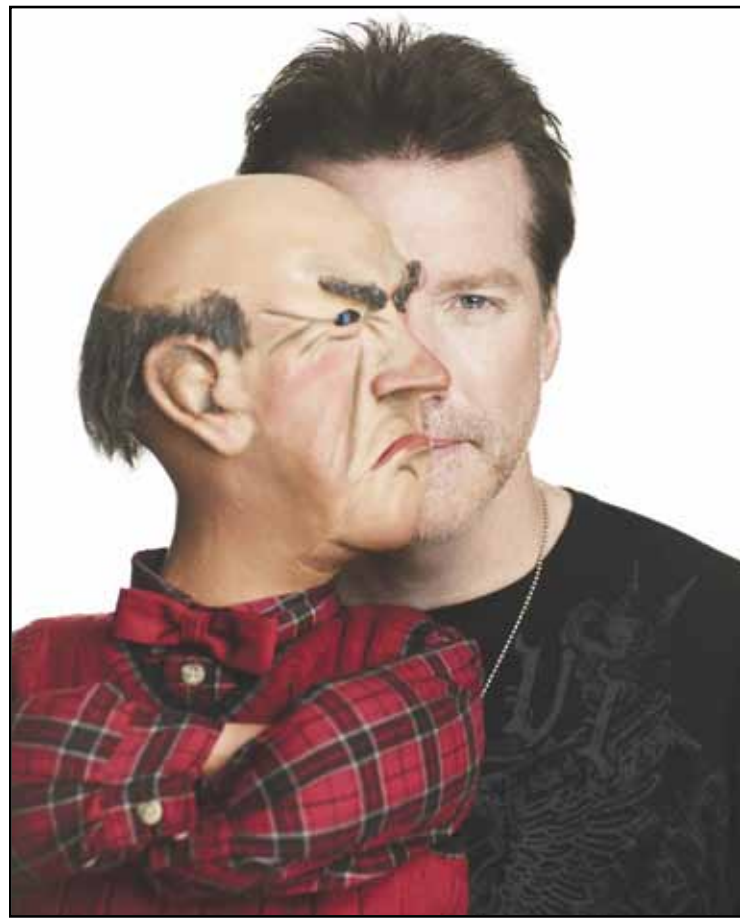
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More artists will be announced in the coming months. Tickets go on sale Saturday at ticketmaster.com.

## How to improve your brand

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"I think most of us get this concept - we live in a celebrity-obsessed society, so we understand how a person's name can also be their brand," she says. "Social media also reinforces this idea. Our names are usually one of an infinite chorus of brands. People can see who liked a New York Times article, who criticized a political position and who recently became engaged to whom. Most people today meet our name/brand before actually - or ever - meeting us in person."

While many may see this as cold and impersonal, Green says this could be an opportunity to more objectively improve who we are - whether on a personal or business basis.

Green, author of the new book "Think Like a Brand," (www.pamelajgreen.com), offers a summary of her seven steps to improving your brand.

• Begin by writing your mission. What drives you? To know this is to help you determine what success means in your life. Football hall

of famer Michael Strahan, for example, knew that he didn't want to disappoint his parents. Whatever drives you, Green says, a clear mission achieving it will act as a discernable path on a reliable map.

• Identify your organization's brand, needs and priorities. This is for those who want to better bond their own name/brand to another brand/organization. What's the connection? If your company's brand is about making healthy tasty treats, and you are developing a personal brand centered on music and art therapy, there could be a mission disconnect. Or, you simply haven't found the sensible way to make the underlying connection.

• Conduct your brand research. Determine the future skills needed for what you want to do, and research the industry and businesses in the industry that have success in your ideal future. For the more personal branding perspective, ask yourself, "What are the long-term habits I need to adopt in order to be the person I want to be five years from now?" That could be learning a new language or adopting a new diet.

• Create your brand template.

If your brand were a can on a shelf, would it be dented, disheveled and would the label be torn? If you ignore, reject or skip this step, Green says, then you've volunteered to live the life you have instead of the life you want.

• Grow strategic visibility. In a room or a business meeting, would you describe yourself as a church mouse or a brave eagle? Even if your brand emphasizes a sort of low-key class and subtlety that already features an envious client who's who list, you don't want your image to be diminished.

• Identify your brand adjacencies. While building your brand today, do not dismiss what it could be a decade down the line. You likely have unidentified talents. Or, your brand/business may be utilized in a way you haven't yet considered.

• Scale your brand. EVERY brand needs to remain relevant to remain

sustainable. To be sustainable, your brand needs to be scalable. Your ability to deliver consistent performance at a high level is what leads to brand sustainability. Assess who will help you be accountable for the achievement of your goals and the continued sustainability of your brand. On a personal level, that person may be a personal trainer; businesswise, it could be a promising employee.

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# POETRY MATTERS

Pride (In the Name of Love)

By U2

Early morning, April 4  
Shot rings out in the Memphis sky  
Free at last, they took your life  
They could not take your pride  
In the name of love  
What more in the name of love  
In the name of love  
What more in the name of love  
In the name of love  
What more in the name of love...

Pride (In the Name of Love)  
One man come in the name of love  
One man come and go  
One man come, he to justify  
One man to overthrow  
In the name of love  
What more in the name of love  
In the name of love  
What more in the name of love

Songwriters: Adam Clayton, Paul Hewson, Laurence Mullen, David Evans  
Universal Music Publishing Group

The great poem about MLK has yet to be written, but he has already been immortalized in popular song. If listeners have any doubt that Martin Luther King Jr. is the subject of "Pride (In the Name of Love)," Bono's lyrics drive the point home: "Early morning, April 4/Shot rings out in the Memphis sky." History buffs will note a factual error -- MLK's assassination took place in the early evening, rather than the early morning. But that didn't matter to music fans. The Edge's guitar jangle at the beginning of "Pride (In the Name of Love)" is said to be one of the most recognizable riffs of the era. Poetry Matters is curated by Lorine Parks.

## Historical Society meeting Thursday

DOWNEY - Veteran Downey firefighter Mike Whitney will be the speaker at a Downey Historical Society meeting Jan. 28.

The program begins at 7:30 p.m. in the John Downey room of the Barbara J. Riley Center.

Whitney joined the Downey Fire Department in 1986 and is currently a training captain at Fire Station No. 1. He is married and has two daughters.

## Healthy Downey 5K is Feb. 27 at Apollo Park

DOWNEY - The fourth annual Healthy Downey 5K will take place Feb. 27 at Apollo Park.

Registration is already underway. Cost is \$25 for adults and \$15 for kids if signed up before Feb. 15. Early registration also includes a commemorative T-shirt.

Same-day registration will be \$40 for adults and \$30 for kids.

All proceeds benefit the Downey Unified School District's TLC Family Resource Center.

The 5K begins at 7:30 a.m. To sign-up, call (562) 904-3577 or go to [dusd.net/tlc](http://dusd.net/tlc).

## Culinary students invited to work Golden Globes

NORWALK - Twenty-four Cerritos College Culinary Arts students get another gold opportunity to prepare meals for the 2016 Golden Globe Awards award dinner held at the Beverly Hilton.

Led by Department Chair Chef Michael Pierini and Chef Jesusita Lopez, the students were invited to return from last year's award ceremony to help prepare food for the main event and five after-parties.

The students worked in a larger and faster setting than their normal campus kitchen. They also worked with distinguished chefs, including Executive Chef Troy Thompson and Banquet Chef Chris O'Connell at the Beverly Hilton.

"Last year was our first time working the Golden Globes. Since then, eight students have been hired by Chef Troy as full-time cooks since then," said Chef Pierini. "We are excited that Chef wants to hire another eight students this year."

Chef Pierini and Chef Troy Thompson have worked together for many years. Chef Thompson has helped the College's culinary students find jobs at top hotels and restaurants.

When he became Executive Chef at the Beverly Hilton in July 2014, he began preparing for the 2015 Golden Globes. Because of their reputation for excellence, Chef Thompson chose Cerritos College students instead of students from private culinary schools, and invited them back this year.

"These 24 students were professional, knowledgeable, proud and respectful," commended Chef Thompson. "Cerritos College has one of the most state-of-the-art culinary programs."

## Downey's Nadia Kim is finalist for Disney design competition

DOWNEY - Downey native and CSU Fullerton student Nadia Kim is on one of only six teams of finalists from entries around the country for the Walt Disney Imaginations Design Competition.

The Imaginations Design Competition is now celebrating its 25th year. Designed and sponsored by Walt Disney Imagineering, it encourages students to consider careers in creative and technical fields including digital arts, engineering, and architecture.

This competition is one of the unique ways that Walt Disney Imagineering searches for the next generation of talented theme park designers.

For this year's competition, students were given the following challenge: Design a traveling experience that will tour small towns across the United States so families who do not have the opportunity to travel to a Disney Park can have a Park experience.

Nadia Kim's team (which includes Stephanie Burtner from CSU Fullerton) has come up with a design called "Disney Showcase: Monster Recruitment Rally." In this interactive experience, guests are whisked away to the world of Disney•Pixar's Monsters, Inc. Stepping into the shoes of a new recruit, kids and families can engage in training and games designed to test the skills of new "Scarers" and learn firsthand what it means to truly be a monster.

The 20 finalists are each awarded a five-day all-expense-paid trip to Imagineering in Glendale, Calif. From January 25-29, where they will present their projects to Imagineering executives and take part in an awards ceremony on Jan. 29.

Finalists also have the opportunity to meet and network with Imagineers, go behind the scenes where Disney magic is created, and interview for paid internships during their visit.

## Educational group holding Founder's Day gala

WHITTIER - The Whittier PEO Reciprocity Bureau is holding its annual Founder's Day gala at Friendly Hills Country Club this Sunday at noon.

PEO is an international philanthropic and educational organization that encourages women to achieve their educational goals through grants, loans, scholarships and support for Cottey College.

The event will include a social meet-and-greet, luncheon and gift baskets. The guest speaker will be Barbara Andes, past international and state president of PEO.

Tickets for the gala are \$35. For information, call (562) 698-7440.

## Bobbie Bruce to speak on Downey history

DOWNEY - The Downey Coordinating Council will hold its next meeting Feb. 3 at the Barbara J. Riley Center.

The program will be "Downey's History: Then and Now," presented by Bobbie Bruce.

The spotlight charity will be FoodHelp.

The meeting begins at 11:30 and is open to the public.

## Downey introduces dog obedience classes

DOWNEY - The city of Downey is now offering dog obedience classes at Rio San Gabriel Park.

Two classes are available: Puppy Kindergarten and Basic Obedience.

Puppy Kindergarten is for puppies ages 12-20 weeks and their owners. Puppies will be socialized so they learn to handle stress and new situations as an adult.

"The lessons they learn during this 'critical socialization period' will affect them for life," the city says. "Thus, it is important to teach puppies to accept and be comfortable with a variety of people, places, sights and sounds."

The class also provides owner education in all aspects of canine development and behavior problem prevention and resolution.

Puppy Kindergarten is held from 9-10 a.m. and starts Feb. 13. The class is seven weeks long and costs \$85 for Downey residents.

The Basic Obedience class is for dogs ages 6 months and older. Foundation skills of sit, down, stay and come are taught, as well as real life behaviors such as greeting strangers, handling and grooming, and impulse control.

Loose leash walking, get it, drop it, leave it, and targeting are taught as well.

Owners will be asked to practice at home between each training session.

"A strong commitment on your part to practice several times a day is necessary for real change to be effective," officials said.

Basic Obedience meets from 10-11 a.m. The seven-week class begins Feb. 13. Cost is \$100 for Downey residents.

To register, or for additional information, call the Barbara J. Riley Center at (562) 904-7223.

## City to start using QR codes on city council agendas

DOWNEY - Starting this month, City Council agendas will now feature QR codes for easy document access.

QR -- or Quick Response -- codes are digital readable codes, similar to bar codes, that can be scanned using a smartphone or tablet device.

When scanned, the code directs users to a webpage embedded in the code, rather than having to conduct a manual search.

The QR code on Downey's agenda will direct the public to current and past agendas, as well as supporting staff reports and other pertinent information, officials said.

At the request of Mayor Alex Saab, the city will continue to use the codes to make information more accessible to the public.

"One of my goals as mayor is to promote open and transparent government and these new QR codes will help provide residents with direct access to city documents and information," said Saab.

"By doing this, not only are we embracing technology, but we are making it easier for our residents to stay informed and learn about what's going on in our city."

## Downey woman makes Dean's List

DOWNEY - Katie Martinez has been named to the Academic Dean's List at Northwestern College for the fall 2015 semester.

She is the daughter of Downey residents Terry and Shannon Draper.



## Downey High trumpet player chosen to play at Grammy camp

DOWNEY - Downey High School trumpet player Carlos Ramos has taken a big step to begin shaping his desired career of becoming a musician.

In late October, Carlos submitted a recording to the Grammy Foundation to audition for a spot in the 2016 Grammy Camp - Jazz Session. In late November, Carlos was accepted to be a member of the big band at this camp in February.

Carlos, along with 31 other talented high school students from across the United States, will travel to Los Angeles and spend a week performing at many venues, including Spaghettini & the Dave Koz Lounge and Club Nokia.

This band will also be attending the 58th annual Grammy Awards on Feb. 15 as guests of the Recording Academy, and will be performing for the stars at the Grammy Celebration after-party.

The selected students will also record an album at the legendary Capitol Recording Studio in Hollywood.

Quoted from the press release: "GRAMMY Camp - Jazz Session selectees are eligible for more than \$2 million in college scholarships made possible through the GRAMMY Foundation's college partners: Berklee College of Music, Manhattan School of Music, The New School for Jazz and Contemporary Music, and USC Thornton School of Music."

Aside from the Grammy Camp - Jazz Session, Carlos plays lead trumpet as part of Downey High School's award-winning Jazz Ensemble. He has also performed at the 58th annual Monterey Jazz Festival, as part of the 2015 Next Generation Jazz Orchestra, a big band made up of some of the top high school jazz musicians in the country.

Carlos is also the lead trumpet player of the Jazz Workshop Big Band at Colburn School, and USC's Los Angeles Youth Jazz Ensemble.

Carlos has had the opportunities to play with some of the best jazz musicians around today: Wynton Marsalis, Ted Nash, Jeff Hamilton, Bernie Dresel, Andy Martin, Eric Marienthal, Willie Murillo. Carlos plans to attend a music school on the east coast of the United States and major in trumpet performance and music education.

## Havdalah dinner event at Downey Temple Ner Tamid

DOWNEY - Temple Ner Tamid will host a Havdalah, dinner and Klezmer event March 12. The community is invited.

Dinner begins at 5:45 p.m., followed by Havdalah at 6:35 and music at 7. The guest band is Klezmer Juice.

Cost is \$18 (ages 12 and younger free) if RSVP is received before March 3. After that date, the price increases to \$25.

To RSVP, call Sophia at the temple office at (562) 861-9276 or email [info@downeytempleneramid.org](mailto:info@downeytempleneramid.org).

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**File Number 2015324034**

THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) KINGSTON COFFEE (2) KINGSTON COFFEE COMPANY (3) KINGSTON COFFEE ROASTERS, 11033 DOWNEY AVE, DOWNEY CA 90241, LA COUNTY  
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State of Incorporation: (1) N/A  
This business is conducted by an Individual  
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This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on DECEMBER 28, 2015

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State of Incorporation: (1) N/A  
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**File Number 2015324028**

THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) RITUAL BEHAVIOR, 7332 GLENCLIFF DRIVE, DOWNEY CA 90240, LA COUNTY  
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State of Incorporation: (1) CA (2) CA  
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The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A

I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true information which he or she knows to be false is guilty of a crime.) S/ KRISTINE URZUA, PARTNER  
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on DECEMBER 28, 2015

NOTICE-In accordance with Subdivision (a) of Section 17920, a Fictitious Name Statement generally expires at the end of five years from the date on which it was filed in the office of the County Clerk, except, as provided in Subdivision (b) of Section 17920, where it expires 40 days after any change in the facts set forth in the statement pursuant to section 17913 other than a change in the residence address of a registered owner. A New Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed before the expiration. Effective January 1, 2014, the Fictitious Business Name Statement must be accompanied by the affidavit of identity form.

The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (see Section 14411 et. seq., Business Professions Code).

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**The Downey Patriot**  
**12/31/15, 1/7/16, 1/14/16, 1/21/16**

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT**  
**File Number 2016012227**

THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) HUERTA PORTABLE SERVICES, 8908 GRAHAM AV., LOS ANGELES CA 90002, LA COUNTY, PO BOX 30, SOUTH GATE CA 90280

Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) SERGIO HUERTA CRUZ, 8908 GRAHAM AV., LOS ANGELES CA 90002

State of Incorporation: N/A  
This business is conducted by an Individual  
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A

I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true information which he or she knows to be false is guilty of a crime.) S/ SERGIO HUERTA CRUZ, OWNER  
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on JANUARY 19, 2016

NOTICE-In accordance with Subdivision (a) of Section 17920, a Fictitious Name Statement generally expires at the end of five years from the date on which it was filed in the office of the County Clerk, except, as provided in Subdivision (b) of Section 17920, where it expires 40 days after any change in the facts set forth in the statement pursuant to section 17913 other than a change in the residence address of a registered owner. A New Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed before the expiration. Effective January 1, 2014, the Fictitious Business Name Statement must be accompanied by the affidavit of identity form.

The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (see Section 14411 et. seq., Business Professions Code).

**The Downey Patriot**  
**1/21/16, 1/28/16, 2/4/16, 2/11/16**

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT**  
**File Number 2015326328**

THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) MY PEST GEEKS, 5211 E WASHINGTON BLVD SUITE 2 #192, COMMERCCE CA 90040, LA COUNTY  
Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) MARCO A ALDAY JR, 5211 E WASHINGTON BLVD SUITE 2 #192, COMMERCCE CA 90040

State of Incorporation: (1) N/A  
This business is conducted by an Individual  
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A

I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true information which he or she knows to be false is guilty of a crime.) S/ MARCO A ALDAY JR, OWNER  
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on DECEMBER 30, 2015

NOTICE-In accordance with Subdivision (a) of Section 17920, a Fictitious Name Statement generally expires at the end of five years from the date on which it was filed in the office of the County Clerk, except, as provided in Subdivision (b) of Section 17920, where it expires 40 days after any change in the facts set forth in the statement pursuant to section 17913 other than a change in the residence address of a registered owner. A New Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed before the expiration. Effective January 1, 2014, the Fictitious Business Name Statement must be accompanied by the affidavit of identity form.

The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (see Section 14411 et. seq., Business Professions Code).

**The Downey Patriot**  
**1/7/16, 1/14/16, 1/21/16, 1/28/16**

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT**  
**File Number 2015325332**

THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) LUMINOR ELECTRIC, 10655 LEMON AVE #3204, RANCHO CUCAMONGA CA 91737, LA COUNTY OF SAN BERNARDINO  
Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) DANILLO ROMERO, 10655 LEMON AVE #3204, RANCHO CUCAMONGA CA 91737

State of Incorporation: (1) N/A  
This business is conducted by an Individual  
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A

I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true information which he or she knows to be false is guilty of a crime.) S/ DANILLO ROMERO, OWNER  
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on DECEMBER 29, 2015

NOTICE-In accordance with Subdivision (a) of Section 17920, a Fictitious Name Statement generally expires at the end of five years from the date on which it was filed in the office of the County Clerk, except, as provided in Subdivision (b) of Section 17920, where it expires 40 days after any change in the facts set forth in the statement pursuant to section 17913 other than a change in the residence address of a registered owner. A New Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed before the expiration. Effective January 1, 2014, the Fictitious Business Name Statement must be accompanied by the affidavit of identity form.

The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (see Section 14411 et. seq., Business Professions Code).

**The Downey Patriot**  
**12/31/15, 1/7/16, 1/14/16, 1/21/16**

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT**  
**File Number 2016009344**

THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) HOPE REALTY AND ASSOCIATES, 8236 3RD STREET, DOWNEY CA 90241, LA COUNTY  
Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) ANA PATRICIA BOHE, 8236 3RD STREET, DOWNEY CA 90241

State of Incorporation: N/A  
This business is conducted by an Individual  
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A

I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true information which he or she knows to be false is guilty of a crime.) S/ ANA PATRICIA BOHE, OWNER  
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on JANUARY 13, 2016

NOTICE-In accordance with Subdivision (a) of Section 17920, a Fictitious Name Statement generally expires at the end of five years from the date on which it was filed in the office of the County Clerk, except, as provided in Subdivision (b) of Section 17920, where it expires 40 days after any change in the facts set forth in the statement pursuant to section 17913 other than a change in the residence address of a registered owner. A New Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed before the expiration. Effective January 1, 2014, the Fictitious Business Name Statement must be accompanied by the affidavit of identity form.

The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (see Section 14411 et. seq., Business Professions Code).

**The Downey Patriot**  
**1/21/16, 1/28/16, 2/4/16, 2/11/16**

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT**  
**File Number 2015323261**

THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) LODOS SPA...CIO HOLISTICO (2) LODOS SPA...CIO HOLISTIC (3) LODOS SPA (4) LODOS SPA MEXICO, 10403 LAKEWOOD BLVD, DOWNEY, CA 90241, LA COUNTY  
Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: C3617269 REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) BRILLAS DEL SOL INC, 13247 FOOTHILL BLVD #5103, RANCHO CUCAMONGA, CA 91739

State of Incorporation: CA  
This business is conducted by a Corporation  
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A

I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true information which he or she knows to be false is guilty of a crime.) S/ CYNTHIA BELTRAN, PRESIDENT, BRILLAS DEL SOL INC.

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on DECEMBER 23, 2015

NOTICE-In accordance with Subdivision (a) of Section 17920, a Fictitious Name Statement generally expires at the end of five years from the date on which it was filed in the office of the County Clerk, except, as provided in Subdivision (b) of Section 17920, where it expires 40 days after any change in the facts set forth in the statement pursuant to section 17913 other than a change in the residence address of a registered owner. A New Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed before the expiration. Effective January 1, 2014, the Fictitious Business Name Statement must be accompanied by the affidavit of identity form.

The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (see Section 14411 et. seq., Business Professions Code).

**The Downey Patriot**  
**1/14/16, 1/21/16, 1/28/16, 2/4/16**

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT**  
**File Number 2015319877**

THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) COMPLETE PLUS HEATING AND AIR CONDITIONING INC, 10515 EGLISE AVE., DOWNEY CA 90241, LA COUNTY  
Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) COMPLETE PLUS HEATING & AIR CONDITIONING, INC, 10515 EGLISE AVE., DOWNEY CA 90241

State of Incorporation: (1) CA  
This business is conducted by a Corporation  
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A

I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true information which he or she knows to be false is guilty of a crime.) S/ COMPLETE PLUS HEATING & AIR CONDITIONING, INC., PRESIDENT, UBALDO ROMERO, INC.

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on DECEMBER 18, 2015

NOTICE-In accordance with Subdivision (a) of Section 17920, a Fictitious Name Statement generally expires at the end of five years from the date on which it was filed in the office of the County Clerk, except, as provided in Subdivision (b) of Section 17920, where it expires 40 days after any change in the facts set forth in the statement pursuant to section 17913 other than a change in the residence address of a registered owner. A New Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed before the expiration. Effective January 1, 2014, the Fictitious Business Name Statement must be accompanied by the affidavit of identity form.

The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (see Section 14411 et. seq., Business Professions Code).

**The Downey Patriot**  
**12/31/15, 1/7/16, 1/14/16, 1/21/16**

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT**  
**File Number 2016009113**

THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) ALI & KATE HANDYMAN CONSTRUCTION, 2803 GLENN AVE APT # 6, LOS ANGELES CA 90023, LA COUNTY  
Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) ROBERTO LOPEZ GARCIA, 2803 GENN AVE APT # 6, LOS ANGELES CA 90023

State of Incorporation: (1) N/A  
This business is conducted by an Individual  
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A

I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true information which he or she knows to be false is guilty of a crime.) S/ ROBERTO LOPEZ GARCIA, OWNER  
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on JANUARY 4, 2016

NOTICE-In accordance with Subdivision (a) of Section 17920, a Fictitious Name Statement generally expires at the end of five years from the date on which it was filed in the office of the County Clerk, except, as provided in Subdivision (b) of Section 17920, where it expires 40 days after any change in the facts set forth in the statement pursuant to section 17913 other than a change in the residence address of a registered owner. A New Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed before the expiration. Effective January 1, 2014, the Fictitious Business Name Statement must be accompanied by the affidavit of identity form.

The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (see Section 14411 et. seq., Business Professions Code).

**The Downey Patriot**  
**1/14/16, 1/21/16, 1/28/16, 2/4/16**

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT**  
**File Number 2016001444**

THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) HARD EDGE, 6623 EAST WASHINGTON BLVD, COMMERCCE CA 90040, LA COUNTY  
Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: 201202610319 REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) ELIOTT KHODARI, LLC, 6623 EAST WASHINGTON BLVD, COMMERCCE CA 90040

State of Incorporation: (1) CA  
This business is conducted by a Limited Liability Company

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A

I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true information which he or she knows to be false is guilty of a crime.) S/ ELIOTT KHODARI, LLC, PRESIDENT, ELIOTT JOSHUA KHODARI

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on JANUARY 5, 2016

NOTICE-In accordance with Subdivision (a) of Section 17920, a Fictitious Name Statement generally expires at the end of five years from the date on which it was filed in the office of the County Clerk, except, as provided in Subdivision (b) of Section 17920, where it expires 40 days after any change in the facts set forth in the statement pursuant to section 17913 other than a change in the residence address of a registered owner. A New Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed before the expiration. Effective January 1, 2014, the Fictitious Business Name Statement must be accompanied by the affidavit of identity form.

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**The Downey Patriot**  
**1/14/16, 1/21/16, 1/28/16, 2/4/16**

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT**  
**File Number 2015312698**

THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) QUALITY INN, 9438 E. FIRESTONE BLVD, DOWNEY CA 90240, LA COUNTY, 1125 N. MAGNOLIA AVE, ANAHEIM CA 92801

Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) GEETA HOTELS, 1125 N. MAGNOLIA AVE, ANAHEIM CA 92801

State of Incorporation: (1) CA  
This business is conducted by a Limited Liability Company

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A

I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true information which he or she knows to be false is guilty of a crime.) S/ GEETA HOTELS, SECRETARY, SACHIN AMIN

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on DECEMBER 11, 2015

NOTICE-In accordance with Subdivision (a) of Section 17920, a Fictitious Name Statement generally expires at the end of five years from the date on which it was filed in the office of the County Clerk, except, as provided in Subdivision (b) of Section 17920, where it expires 40 days after any change in the facts set forth in the statement pursuant to section 17913 other than a change in the residence address of a registered owner. A New Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed before the expiration. Effective January 1, 2014, the Fictitious Business Name Statement must be accompanied by the affidavit of identity form.

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**The Downey Patriot**  
**1/7/16, 1/14/16, 1/21/16, 1/28/16**

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT**  
**File Number 2015315042**

THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) DOWNEY BAIL BONDS, 5220 CLARK AVE, SUITE # 110, LAKEWOOD CA 90712, LA COUNTY  
Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) ASHISH G PATEL, 5220 CLARK AVE, SUITE # 110, LAKEWOOD CA 90712

State of Incorporation: (1) N/A  
This business is conducted by an Individual  
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A

I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true information which he or she knows to be false is guilty of a crime.) S/ ASHISH G PATEL, OWNER  
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on DECEMBER 15, 2015

NOTICE-In accordance with Subdivision (a) of Section 17920, a Fictitious Name Statement generally expires at the end of five years from the date on which it was filed in the office of the County Clerk, except, as provided in Subdivision (b) of Section 17920, where it expires 40 days after any change in the facts set forth in the statement pursuant to section 17913 other than a change in the residence address of a registered owner. A New Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed before the expiration. Effective January 1, 2014, the Fictitious Business Name Statement must be accompanied by the affidavit of identity form.

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**The Downey Patriot**  
**12/31/15, 1/7/16, 1/14/16, 1/21/16**

**GOVERNMENT**

**NOTICE CALLING FOR BIDS**

**CASH CONTRACT NO. 675 BLANDWOOD ROAD AND TRUE AVENUE SEWER LIFT STATIONS REPLACEMENT PROJECT**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that sealed bids will be received at the office of the City Clerk of the City of Downey, California, on Thursday, February 11, 2016 which hour the proposed bids will be publicly opened and read in the City Hall at 11111 Brookshire Ave, Downey, California for Cash Contract No. 675 – Blandwood Road and True Avenue Sewer Lift Stations Replacement Project.

The work to be performed under this Contract generally consists of the abandonment of two existing sewer lift stations and construction and installation of a new 1.75 gpm sewer lift station and associated systems including a wet well pump assembly; valve vault assembly; emergency overflow manhole and associated bypass piping; 4-inch C900 PVC force main; 8-inch vitrified clay pipe gravity sewer system; removal and replacement of electrical supply and control cabinet; installation of new electrical duct bank and all associated electrical components and control systems; clearing and grubbing; trenching, backfilling and compacting; asphalt concrete (AC) pavement reconstruction; reconstruction of miscellaneous PCC improvements, landscaping, irrigation, and other existing improvements disturbed during the course of construction; traffic control; and all labor, tools, materials, equipment, and appurtenant work thereto necessary for the proper construction of the contemplated improvements, in accordance with Plans and Specifications entitled Cash Contract No. 675 – Blandwood Road and True Avenue Sewer Lift Stations Replacement Project.

Notice is hereby given that a public hearing will be held before the DOWNEY CITY PLANNING COMMISSION on the 3rd day of February, 2016, at 6:30 p.m., in the Council Chamber of the Downey City Hall, 11111 Brookshire Avenue, Downey, California. At that time and place, consideration will be given to the following:

**PLN-16-00013 (Zoning Text Amendment)** – An amendment to Article IX of the Downey Municipal Code, thereby allowing commercial recreation uses in manufacturing zones.

All interested parties are invited to submit written comments and/or to attend and give testimony. The staff report, which provides a detailed description and analysis of this project, will be posted to the City's website ([http://www.downeyca.org/gov](http://www.downeyca.org/gov/cd/planning/planning_commission.asp)

Other California statutes and legal authority may affect your rights as a creditor. You may want to consult with an attorney knowledgeable in California law.

**YOU MAY EXAMINE** the file kept by the court. If you are a person interested in the estate, you may file with the court a Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk.

**Attorney for petitioner:**  
**ROBERT DEWBERRY**  
**ESO SBN 98354**  
**THE DEWBERRY FIRM**  
20271 SW BIRCH ST  
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NEWPORT BEACH CA 92660

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**The Downey Patriot**  
1/17/16, 1/14/16, 1/21/16

## TRUSTEE SALES

TSG No.: 140168726 TS No.: CA1500268266 FHA/VA/PMI No.: APN: 6361-011-006 Property Address: 9720 ORIZABA ST DOWNEY, CA 90241 NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST, DATED 07/27/2004, UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. On 01/27/2016 at 10:00 A.M., First American Title Insurance Company, as duly appointed Trustee under and pursuant to Deed of Trust recorded 08/12/2004, as Instrument No. 04 2073698, in book , of Official Records in the office of the County Recorder of LOS ANGELES County, State of California, executed by: BENJAMIN LOPEZ AND SANDRA LOPEZ, HUSBAND AND WIFE, WILL SELL AT PUBLIC AUCTION TO HIGHEST BIDDER FOR CASH, CASHIER'S CHECK/CASH EQUIVALENT or other form of payment authorized by 2924h(b), (Payable at time of sale in lawful money of the United States) Behind the fountain located in Civic Center Plaza, 400 Civic Center Plaza, Pomona CA All right, title and interest conveyed to and now held by it under said Deed of Trust in the property situated in said County and State described as: AS MORE FULLY DESCRIBED IN THE ABOVE MENTIONED DEED OF TRUST APN# 6361-011-006 The street address and other common designation, if any, of the real property described above is purported to be: 9720 ORIZABA ST, DOWNEY, CA 90241 The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address and other common designation, if any, shown hereon. Said sale will be made, but without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum of the note(s) secured by said Deed of Trust, with interest thereon, as provided in said note(s), advances, charges and expenses of the Trustee and of the trusts created by said Deed of Trust. The total amount of the unpaid balance of the obligation secured by the note(s) to be sold and reasonable estimated costs, expenses and advances at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale is \$527,202.32. The beneficiary under said Deed of Trust has deposited all documents evidencing the obligations secured by the Deed of Trust and has declared all sums secured thereby immediately due and payable, and has caused a written Notice of Default and Election to Sell to be executed. The undersigned Trustee, under and pursuant to Deed of Trust recorded in the County where the real property is located, NOTICE TO POTENTIAL BIDDERS: If you are considering bidding on this property lien, you should understand that there are risks involved in bidding at a trustee auction. You will be bidding on a lien, not on the property itself. Placing the highest bid at a trustee auction does not automatically entitle you to free and clear ownership of the property. You should also be aware that the lien being auctioned off may be a junior lien. If you are the highest bidder at the auction, you are or may be responsible for paying off all liens senior to the lien being auctioned off, before you can receive clear title to the property. You are encouraged to investigate the existence, priority, and size of outstanding liens that may exist on this property by contacting the county recorder's office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge you a fee for this information. If you consult either of these resources, you should be aware that the same lender may hold more than one mortgage or deed of trust on the property. NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNER: The sale date shown on this notice of sale may be postponed one or more times by the mortgage, beneficiary, trustee, or a court, pursuant to Section 2924g of the California Civil Code. The law requires that information about trustee sale postponements be made available to you and to the public, as a courtesy to those not present at the sale. If you wish to learn whether your sale date has been postponed, and, if applicable, the rescheduled time and date for the sale of this property, you may call (916)939-0772 or visit this Internet Web <http://search.nationwideposting.com/propertySearchTerms.aspx>, using the file number assigned to this case CA1500268266 Information about postponements that are very short in duration or that occur close in time to the scheduled sale may not immediately be reflected in the telephone information or on the Internet Web site. The best way to verify postponement information is to attend the scheduled sale. If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney. Date: First American Title Insurance Company, Campus Cir Bldg G, 1st Floor Westlake, TX 76262 First American Title Insurance Company MAY BE ACTING AS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED MAY BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. FOR TRUSTEE'S SALE INFORMATION PLEASE CALL (916)939-0772 NPP02692812 To: THE DOWNEY PATRIOT 01/17/2016, 01/14/2016, 01/21/2016

**The Downey Patriot**  
1/17/16, 1/14/16, 1/21/16

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE Trustee Sale No. 123867 Title No. 95512784 NOTE: THERE IS A SUMMARY OF THE INFORMATION IN THIS DOCUMENT ATTACHED TO THE DEED OF TRUST IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED 01/09/2007. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. On 02/03/2016 at 11:00 AM, The Mortgage Law Firm, P.L.C., as duly appointed Trustee under and pursuant to Deed of Trust recorded 03/19/2007, as Instrument No. 200701928, in book xx, page xx, of Official Records in the office of the County Recorder of Los Angeles County, State of California, executed by Jesus N. Herrera, An Unmarried Person and Flora A. Solares, An Unmarried Person, WILL SELL AT PUBLIC AUCTION TO HIGHEST BIDDER FOR CASH, CASHIER'S CHECK/CASH EQUIVALENT or other form of payment authorized by 2924h(b), (payable at time of sale in lawful money of the United States) Behind the fountain located in Civic Center Plaza, Pomona, CA 91766. All right, title and interest conveyed to and now held by it under said Deed of Trust in the property situated in said County and State, described as: FULLY DESCRIBED IN THE ABOVE DEED OF TRUST. APN 8045-004-045 The street address and other common designation, if any, of the real property described above is purported to be: 12933 Navajo Lane, Norwalk, CA 90650 The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address and other common designation, if any, shown herein. Said sale will be made, but without covenant or warranty, expressed

or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum of the note(s) secured by said Deed of Trust, with interest thereon, as provided in said note(s), advances, if any, under the terms of said Deed of Trust, fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee and of the trusts created by said Deed of Trust. The total amount of the unpaid balance of the obligation secured by the property to be sold and reasonable estimated costs, expenses and advances at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale is: \$255,804.62 If the Trustee is unable to convey title for any reason, the successful bidder's sole and exclusive remedy shall be the return of monies paid to the Trustee, and the successful bidder shall have no further recourse. The beneficiary under said Deed of Trust heretofore executed and delivered to the undersigned a written Declaration of Default and Demand for Sale, and written Notice of Default and Election to Sell. The undersigned caused a Notice of Default and Election to Sell to be recorded in the county where the real property is located. Date: 1/8/2016 THE MORTGAGE LAW FIRM, PLC Adriana Rivas/Authorized Signature 41689 ENTERPRISE CIRCLE NORTH, STE. 228, TEMECULA, CA 92590 (619) 465-8200 FOR TRUSTEE'S SALE INFORMATION PLEASE CALL 714-730-2727 The Mortgage Law Firm, P.L.C. is attempting to collect a debt. Any information obtained may be used for that purpose. NOTICE TO POTENTIAL BIDDERS: If you are considering bidding on this property lien, you should understand that there are risks involved in bidding at a trustee auction. You will be bidding on a lien, not on the property itself. Placing the highest bid at a trustee auction does not automatically entitle you to free and clear ownership of the property. You should also be aware that the lien being auctioned off may be a junior lien. If you are the highest bidder at the auction, you are or may be responsible for paying off all liens senior to the lien being auctioned off, before you can receive clear title to the property. You are encouraged to investigate the existence, priority, and size of outstanding liens that may exist on this property by contacting the county recorder's office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge you a fee for this information. If you consult either of these resources, you should be aware that the same lender may hold more than one mortgage or deed of trust on the property. NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNER: The sale date shown on this notice of sale may be postponed one or more times by the mortgage, beneficiary, trustee, or a court, pursuant to Section 2924g of the California Civil Code. The law requires that information about trustee sale postponements be made available to you and to the public, as a courtesy to those not present at the sale. If you wish to learn whether your sale date has been postponed, and, if applicable, the rescheduled time and date for the sale of this property, you may call (714) 730-2727 for information regarding the trustee's sale or visit this Internet Web site - [www.servicelinkASAP.com](http://www.servicelinkASAP.com) - for information regarding the sale of this property, using the file number assigned to this case: 123867. Information about postponements that are very short in duration or that occur close in time to the scheduled sale may not immediately be reflected in the telephone information or on the Internet Web site. The best way to verify postponement information is to attend the scheduled sale. A-FN455245 01/14/2016, 01/21/2016, 01/28/2016

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NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE Trustee Sale No. 121876 Title No. 150034067 YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST, DATED 09/23/2008, UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. On 01/27/2016 at 11:00 AM, The Mortgage Law Firm, P.L.C., as duly appointed Trustee under and pursuant to Deed of Trust recorded 10/20/2008, as Instrument No. 20081770435, in book xx, page xx, of Official Records in the office of the County Recorder of Los Angeles County, State of California, executed by Eliseo Soto, and Blanca Reyes, Husband and Wife, as Joint Tenants, WILL SELL AT PUBLIC AUCTION TO HIGHEST BIDDER FOR CASH, CASHIER'S CHECK/CASH EQUIVALENT or other form of payment authorized by 2924h(b), (payable at time of sale in lawful money of the United States) Behind the fountain located at 400 Civic Center Plaza, Pomona, CA 91766. All right, title and interest conveyed to and now held by it under said Deed of Trust in the property situated in said County and State, described as: FULLY DESCRIBED IN THE ABOVE DEED OF TRUST. APN 8082-005-018 The street address and other common designation, if any, of the real property described above is purported to be: 6228 Meadowood, Norwalk, CA 90650 The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address and other common designation, if any, shown herein. Said sale will be made, but without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum of the note(s) secured by said Deed of Trust, with interest thereon, as provided in said note(s), advances, if any, under the terms of said Deed of Trust, fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee and of the trusts created by said Deed of Trust. The total amount of the unpaid balance of the obligation secured by the property to be sold and reasonable estimated costs, expenses and advances at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale is: \$387,572.74 If the Trustee is unable to convey title for any reason, the successful bidder's sole and exclusive remedy shall be the return of monies paid to the Trustee, and the successful bidder shall have no further recourse. The beneficiary under said Deed of Trust heretofore executed and delivered to the undersigned a written Declaration of Default and Demand for Sale, and written Notice of Default and Election to Sell. The undersigned caused a Notice of Default and Election to Sell to be recorded in the county where the real property is located. Date: 12/24/2015 THE MORTGAGE LAW FIRM, PLC Adriana Rivas/Authorized Signature 41689 ENTERPRISE CIRCLE NORTH, STE. 228, TEMECULA, CA 92590 (619) 465-8200 FOR TRUSTEE'S SALE INFORMATION PLEASE CALL 714-730-2727 NOTICE TO POTENTIAL BIDDERS: If you are considering bidding on this property lien, you should understand that there are risks involved in bidding at a trustee auction. You will be bidding on a lien, not on the property itself. Placing the highest bid at a trustee auction does not automatically entitle you to free and clear ownership of the property. You should also be aware that the lien being auctioned off may be a junior lien. If you are the highest bidder at the auction, you are or may be responsible for paying off all liens senior to the lien being auctioned off, before you can receive clear title to the property. You are encouraged to investigate the existence, priority, and size of outstanding liens that may exist on this property by contacting the county recorder's office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge you a fee for this information. If you consult either of these resources, you should be aware that the same lender may hold more than one mortgage or deed of trust on the property. NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNER: The sale date shown on this notice of sale may be postponed one or more times by the mortgage, beneficiary, trustee, or a court, pursuant to Section 2924g of the California Civil Code. The law requires that information about trustee sale postponements be made available to you and to the public, as a courtesy to those not present at the sale. If you wish to learn whether your sale date has been postponed, and, if applicable, the rescheduled time and date for the sale of this property, you may call (714) 730-2727 for information regarding the trustee's sale or visit this Internet Web site - [www.servicelinkASAP.com](http://www.servicelinkASAP.com) - for information regarding the sale of this property, using the file number assigned to this case: 121876. Information about postponements that are very short in

duration or that occur close in time to the scheduled sale may not immediately be reflected in the telephone information or on the Internet Web site. The best way to verify postponement information is to attend the scheduled sale. A-FN4556536 01/07/2016, 01/14/2016, 01/21/2016

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Trustee Sale No. : 20130169804106 Title Order No.: 130135855 FHA/VA/PMI No. NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST, DATED 05/28/2010, UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. NDEX West, L.L.C., as duly appointed Trustee under and pursuant to Deed of Trust recorded on 06/04/2010 as Instrument No. 20100762123 of official records in the office of the County Recorder of LOS ANGELES County, State of CALIFORNIA, EXECUTED BY: FRANCISCO VALLE AND VIRGINIA VALLE, WILL SELL AT PUBLIC AUCTION TO HIGHEST BIDDER FOR CASH, CASHIER'S CHECK/CASH EQUIVALENT or other form of payment authorized by California Civil Code 2924h(b), (payable at time of sale in lawful money of the United States). DATE OF SALE: 02/11/2016 TIME OF SALE: 10:00 AM PLACE OF SALE: BEHIND THE FOUNTAIN LOCATED IN CIVIC CENTER PLAZA, 400 CIVIC CENTER PLAZA, POMONA CA. STREET ADDRESS and other common designation, if any, of the real property described above is purported to be: 8449 6TH STREET, DOWNEY, CALIFORNIA 90241 APN#: 6253-010-031 The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address and other common designation, if any, shown herein. Said sale will be made, but without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum of the note(s) secured by said Deed of Trust, with interest thereon, as provided in said note(s), advances, under the terms of said Deed of Trust, fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee and of the trusts created by said Deed of Trust. The total amount of the unpaid balance of the obligation secured by the property to be sold and reasonable estimated costs, expenses and advances at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale is \$427,755.58. The beneficiary under said Deed of Trust heretofore executed and delivered to the undersigned a written Declaration of Default and Demand for Sale, and a written Notice of Default and Election to Sell. The undersigned caused said Notice of Default and Election to Sell to be recorded in the county where the real property is located. NOTICE TO POTENTIAL BIDDERS: If you are considering bidding on this property lien, you should understand that there are risks involved in bidding at a trustee auction. You will be bidding on a lien, not on the property itself. Placing the highest bid at a trustee auction does not automatically entitle you to free and clear ownership of the property. You should also be aware that the lien being auctioned off may be a junior lien. If you are the highest bidder at the auction, you are or may be responsible for paying off all liens senior to the lien being auctioned off, before you can receive clear title to the property. You are encouraged to investigate the existence, priority, and size of outstanding liens that may exist on this property by contacting the county recorder's office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge you a fee for this information. If you consult either of these resources, you should be aware that the same lender may hold more than one mortgage or deed of trust on the property. NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNER: The sale date shown on this notice of sale may be postponed one or more times by the mortgage, beneficiary, trustee, or a court, pursuant to Section 2924g of the California Civil Code. The law requires that information about trustee sale postponements be made available to you and to the public, as a courtesy to those not present at the sale. If you wish to learn whether your sale date has been postponed, and, if applicable, the rescheduled time and date for the sale of this property, you may call 916-939-0772 for information regarding the trustee's sale or visit this Internet Web site [www.nationwideposting.com](http://www.nationwideposting.com) for information regarding the sale of this property, using the file number assigned to this case 20130169804106. Information about postponements that are very short in duration or that occur close in time to the scheduled sale may not immediately be reflected in the telephone information or on the Internet Web site. The best way to verify postponement information is to attend the scheduled sale. FOR TRUSTEE SALE INFORMATION PLEASE CALL: NATIONWIDE POSTING & PUBLICATION DIVISION OF FIRST AMERICAN TITLE INSURANCE COMPANY 1180 IRON POINT ROAD, SUITE 100 FOLSOM, CA 95630 916-939-0772 [www.nationwideposting.com](http://www.nationwideposting.com) NDEX West, L.L.C. MAY BE ACTING AS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. NDEX West, L.L.C. as Trustee Dated: 01/08/2016 NPP0269738 To: THE DOWNEY PATRIOT 01/14/2016, 01/21/2016, 01/28/2016

**The Downey Patriot**  
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NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE T.S. No.: 2015-03376 Loan No.: 1402613685 A.P.N.: 6364-002-006 NOTE: THERE IS A SUMMARY OF THE INFORMATION IN THIS DOCUMENT ATTACHED TO THE DEED OF TRUST IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED 08/20/2005. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. A PUBLIC AUCTION TO THE HIGHEST BIDDER FOR CASH, CASHIER'S CHECK/CASH EQUIVALENT or other form of payment authorized by 2424h(b), (payable at the time of sale in lawful money of the United States), will be held by the duly appointed trustee as shown below, of all right, title, and interest conveyed to and now held by the trustee in the hereinafter described property under and pursuant to a Deed of Trust described below. The sale will be made, but without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum of the note(s) secured by the Deed of Trust, with interest and late charges thereon, as provided in the note(s), advances, under the terms of the Deed of Trust, interest thereon, fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee for the total amount (at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale) reasonably estimated to be set forth below. The amount may be greater on the day of sale. Trustor: Cheng Woong Kim, a married man as his sole and separate property Duly Appointed Trustee: Entra Default Solutions, LLC 1355 Willow Way, Suite 115, Concord, California 94520 Recorded 2/15/2005 as Instrument No. 2005-0342668 in book , page of Official Records in the office of the Recorder of Los Angeles County, California, Date of Sale: 1/29/2016 at 11:45 AM. Place of Sale: Behind the fountain located at 400 Civic Center Plaza, Pomona, CA 91766 Amount of unpaid balance and other charges: \$706,245.00 Street Address and other common designation of real property: 8812 LOWMAN AVENUE DOWNEY, CALIFORNIA 90240 A.P.N.: 6364-002-006 The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address or other common designation, if any, shown above. We are attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained may be used for that purpose. NOTICE TO POTENTIAL BIDDERS: If you are considering bidding on this property lien, you should understand that there are risks involved in bidding at a trustee auction. You will be bidding on a lien, not on the property itself. Placing the highest bid at a trustee auction does not

automatically entitle you to free and clear ownership of the property. You should also be aware that the lien being auctioned off may be a junior lien. If you are the highest bidder at the auction, you are or may be responsible for paying off all liens senior to the lien being auctioned off, before you can receive clear title to the property. You are encouraged to investigate the existence, priority, and size of outstanding liens that may exist on this property by contacting the county recorder's office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge you a fee for this information. If you consult either of these resources, you should be aware that the same lender may hold more than one mortgage or deed of trust on the property. NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNER: The sale date shown on this notice of sale may be postponed one or more times by the mortgage, beneficiary, trustee, or a court, pursuant to Section 2924g of the California Civil Code. The law requires that information about trustee sale postponements be made available to you and to the public, as a courtesy to those not present at the sale. If you wish to learn whether your sale date has been postponed, and, if applicable, the rescheduled time and date for the sale of this property, you may call 714-730-2727 or visit this Internet Web site [www.servicelinkASAP.com](http://www.servicelinkASAP.com), using the file number assigned to this case 2015-03376. Information about postponements that are very short in duration or that occur close in time to the scheduled sale may not immediately be reflected in the telephone information or on the Internet Web site. The best way to verify postponement information is to attend the scheduled sale. Date: 12/31/2015 Entra Default Solutions, LLC Katie Milnes, Vice President A-4557188 01/07/2016, 01/14/2016, 01/21/2016

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Trustee Sale No.: 20110015002135 Title Order No.: 7341611 FHA/VA/PMI No.: NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST, DATED 04/03/2007, UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. NDEX West, L.L.C., as duly appointed Trustee under and pursuant to Deed of Trust Recorded on 04/10/2007 as Instrument No. 20070854550 of official records in the office of the County Recorder of LOS ANGELES County, State of CALIFORNIA, EXECUTED BY: SERGIO S CORTEZ, WILL SELL AT PUBLIC AUCTION TO HIGHEST BIDDER FOR CASH, CASHIER'S CHECK/CASH EQUIVALENT or other form of payment authorized by California Civil Code 2924h(b), (payable at time of sale in lawful money of the United States). DATE OF SALE: 02/03/2016 TIME OF SALE: 10:00 AM PLACE OF SALE: BEHIND THE FOUNTAIN LOCATED IN CIVIC CENTER PLAZA, 400 CIVIC CENTER PLAZA, POMONA CA. STREET ADDRESS and other common designation, if any, of the real property described above is purported to be: 8423 EVEREST ST, DOWNEY, CALIFORNIA 90242 APN#: 6261-002-018 The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address and other common designation, if any, shown herein. Said sale will be made, but without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum of the note(s) secured by said Deed of Trust, with interest thereon, as provided in said note(s), advances, under the terms of said Deed of Trust, fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee and of the trusts created by said Deed of Trust. The total amount of the unpaid balance of the obligation secured by the property to be sold and reasonable estimated costs, expenses and advances at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale is \$479,408.32. The beneficiary under said Deed of Trust heretofore executed and delivered to the undersigned a written Declaration of Default and Demand for Sale, and a written Notice of Default and Election to Sell. The undersigned caused said Notice of Default and Election to Sell to be recorded in the county where the real property is located. NOTICE TO POTENTIAL BIDDERS: If you are considering bidding on this property lien, you should understand that there are risks involved in bidding at a trustee auction. You will be bidding on a lien, not on the property itself. Placing the highest bid at a trustee auction does not automatically entitle you to free and clear ownership of the property. You should also be aware that the lien being auctioned off may be a junior lien. If you are the highest bidder at the auction, you are or may be responsible for paying off all liens senior to the lien being auctioned off, before you can receive clear title to the property. You are encouraged to investigate the existence, priority, and size of outstanding liens that may exist on this property by contacting the county recorder's office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge you a fee for this information. If you consult either of these resources, you should be aware that the same lender may hold more than one mortgage or deed of trust on the property. NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNER: The sale date shown on this notice of sale may be postponed one or more times by the mortgage, beneficiary, trustee, or a court, pursuant to Section 2924g of the California Civil Code. The law requires that information about trustee sale postponements be made available to you and to the public, as a courtesy to those not present at the sale. If you wish to learn whether your sale date has been postponed, and, if applicable, the rescheduled time and date for the sale of this property, you may call 916-939-0772 for information regarding the trustee's sale or visit this Internet Web site [www.nationwideposting.com](http://www.nationwideposting.com) for information regarding the sale of this property, using the file number assigned to this case 20110015002135. Information about postponements that are very short in duration or that occur close in time to the scheduled sale may not immediately be reflected in the telephone information or on the Internet Web site. The best way to verify postponement information is to attend the scheduled sale. FOR TRUSTEE SALE INFORMATION PLEASE CALL: NATIONWIDE POSTING & PUBLICATION DIVISION OF FIRST AMERICAN TITLE INSURANCE COMPANY 1180 IRON POINT ROAD, SUITE 100 FOLSOM, CA 95630 916-939-0772 [www.nationwideposting.com](http://www.nationwideposting.com) NDEX West, L.L.C. MAY BE ACTING AS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. NDEX West, L.L.C. as Trustee Dated: 02/28/2016 NPP0268696 To: THE DOWNEY PATRIOT 01/14/2016, 01/21/2016, 01/28/2016

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T.S. No.: 9551-3916 TSG Order No.: 120347769 A.P.N.: 8052-016-050 NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED 09/20/2007. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. NBS Default Services, LLC, as the duly appointed Trustee, under and pursuant to the power of sale contained in that certain Deed of Trust recorded 09/20/2007 as Document No. 2007229327, of Official Records in the office of the Recorder of Los Angeles County, California, executed by: JOSE JAVIER SANDOVAL, A SINGLE MAN, as Trustor, WILL SELL AT PUBLIC AUCTION TO THE HIGHEST BIDDER FOR CASH (payable in full at time of sale by cash, a cashier's check drawn by a state or national bank, a check drawn by a state or federal credit union, or a check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, or savings bank specified in section 5102 of the Financial Code and authorized to do business in this state). All right, title and interest conveyed to and now held by it under said Deed of Trust in the property situated in said County and state, and as more fully described in the above referenced Deed of Trust. Sale

Date & Time: 02/03/2016 at 10:00 AM Sale Location: Behind the fountain located in Civic Center Plaza, 400 Civic Center Plaza, Pomona CA The street address and other common designation, if any, of the real property described above is purported to be: 10617 FIRWOOD CT, NORWALK, CA 90650 The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address and other common designation, if any, shown herein. Said sale will be made in an "AS IS" condition, but without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum of the note(s) secured by said Deed of Trust, with interest thereon, as provided in said note(s), advances, if any, under the terms of the Deed of Trust, estimated fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee and of the trusts created by said Deed of Trust, to-wit: \$399,153.23 (Estimated) as of 01/19/2016. Accrued interest and additional advances, if any, will increase this figure prior to sale. It is possible that the time of sale and the opening bid may be less than the total indebtedness due. NOTICE TO POTENTIAL BIDDERS: If you are considering bidding on this property lien, you should understand that there are risks involved in bidding at a trustee auction. You will be bidding on a lien, not on the property itself. Placing the highest bid at a trustee auction does not automatically entitle you to free and clear ownership of the property. You should also be aware that the lien being auctioned off may be a junior lien. If you are the highest bidder at the auction, you are or may be responsible for paying off all liens senior to the lien being auctioned off, before you can receive clear title to the property. You are encouraged to investigate the existence, priority, and size of outstanding liens that may exist on this property by contacting the county recorder's office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge you a fee for this information. If you consult either of these resources, you should be aware that the same lender may hold more than one mortgage or deed of trust on the property. NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNER: The sale date shown on this notice of sale may be postponed one or more times by the mortgage, beneficiary, trustee, or a court, pursuant to Section 2924g of the California Civil Code. The law requires that information about trustee sale postponements be made available to you and to the public, as a courtesy to those not present at the sale. If you wish to learn whether your sale date has been postponed, and, if applicable, the rescheduled time and date for the sale of this property, you may call, 916-939-0772 for information regarding the trustee's sale or visit this Internet Web site, [www.nationwideposting.com](http://www.nationwideposting.com), for information regarding the sale of this property, using the file number assigned to this case, T.S.# 9551-3916. Information about postponements that are very short in duration or that occur close in time to the scheduled sale may not immediately be reflected in the telephone information or on the internet Web site. The best way to verify postponement information is to attend the scheduled sale. If the Trustee is unable to convey title for any reason, the successful bidder's sole and exclusive remedy shall be the return of monies paid to the Trustee and the successful bidder shall have no further recourse. NBS Default Services, LLC 301 E. Ocean Blvd, Suite 1720 Long Beach, CA 90802 800-766-7751 For Trustee Sale Information Log On To: [www.nationwideposting.com](http://www.nationwideposting.com) or Call: 916-939-0772. NBS Default Services, LLC, Nicole Rodriguez, Foreclosure Associate This communication is an attempt to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. However, if you have received a discharge of the debt referenced herein in a bankruptcy proceeding, this is not an attempt to impose personal liability upon you for payment of that debt. In the event you have received a bankruptcy discharge, any action to enforce the debt will be taken against the property only. NPP0268744 To: THE DOWNEY PATRIOT 01/14/2016, 01/21/2016, 01/28/2016

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T.S. No.: 9448-9787 TSG Order No.: 730-1505859-70 A.P.N.: 6359-009-020 NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED 02/20/2007. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. NBS Default Services, LLC, as the duly appointed Trustee, under and pursuant to the power of sale contained in that certain Deed of Trust recorded 02/26/2007 as Document No.: 20070402725, of Official Records in the office of the Recorder of Los Angeles County, California, executed by: Julia Nava, a single woman, as Trustor, WILL SELL AT PUBLIC AUCTION TO THE HIGHEST BIDDER FOR CASH (payable in full at time of sale by cash, a cashier's check drawn by a state or national bank, a check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, or savings bank specified in section 5102 of the Financial Code and authorized to do business in this state). All right, title and interest conveyed to and now held by it under said Deed of Trust in the property situated in said County and state, and as more fully described in the above referenced Deed of Trust. Sale Date & Time: 02/08/2016 at 10:00 AM Sale Location: Behind the fountain located in Civic Center Plaza, 400 Civic Center Plaza, Pomona CA The street address and other common designation, if any, of the real property described above is purported to be: 7541 NOREN STREET, DOWNEY, CA 90240 The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address and other common designation, if any, shown herein. Said sale will be made in an "AS IS" condition, but without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum of the note(s) secured by said Deed of Trust, with interest thereon, as provided in said note(s), advances, if any, under the terms of the Deed of Trust, estimated fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee and of the trusts created by said Deed of Trust, to-wit: \$785,158.31 (Estimated). Accrued interest and additional advances, if any, will increase this figure prior to sale. It is possible that at the time of sale the opening bid may be less than the total indebtedness due. NOTICE TO POTENTIAL BIDDERS: If you are considering bidding on this property lien, you should understand that there are risks involved in bidding at a trustee auction. You will be bidding on a lien, not on the property itself. Placing the highest bid at a trustee auction does not automatically entitle you to free and clear ownership of the property. You should also be aware that the lien being auctioned off may be a junior lien. If you are the highest bidder at the auction, you are or may be responsible for paying off all liens senior to the lien being auctioned off, before you can receive clear title to the property. You are encouraged to investigate the existence, priority, and size of outstanding liens that may exist on this property by contacting the county recorder's office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge you a fee for this information. If you consult either of these resources, you should be aware that the same lender may hold more than one mortgage or deed of trust on the property. NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNER: The sale date shown on this notice of sale may be postponed one or more times by the mortgage, beneficiary, trustee, or a court, pursuant to Section 2924g of the California Civil Code. The law requires that information about trustee sale postponements be made available to you and to the public, as a courtesy to those not present at the sale. If you wish to learn whether your sale date has been postponed, and, if applicable, the rescheduled time and date for the sale of this property, you may call, 916-939-0772 for information regarding the trustee's sale or visit this Internet Web site, [www.nationwideposting.com](http://www.nationwideposting.com), for information regarding the sale of this property, using the file number assigned to this case, T.S.# 9448-9787. Information about postponements that are very short in duration or that occur close in time to the scheduled sale may not immediately

be reflected in the telephone information or on the internet Web site. The best way to verify postponement information is to attend the scheduled sale. If the Trustee is unable to convey title for any reason, the successful bidder's sole and exclusive remedy shall be the return of monies paid to the Trustee and the successful bidder shall have no further recourse. NBS Default Services, LLC 301 E. Ocean Blvd, Suite 1720 Long Beach, CA 90802 800-766-7751 For Trustee Sale Information Log On To: [www.nationwideposting.com](http://www.nationwideposting.com) or Call: 916-939-0772. NBS Default Services, LLC, Vanessa Gomez, Foreclosure Associate This communication is an attempt to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. However, if you have received a discharge of the debt referenced herein in a bankruptcy proceeding, this is not an attempt to impose personal liability upon you for payment of that debt. In the event you have received a bankruptcy discharge, any action to enforce the debt will be taken against the property only. NPP0267629 To: THE DOWNEY PATRIOT 01/14/2016, 01/21/2016, 01/28/2016

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T.S. No.: 9551-4672 TSG Order No.: 150216278-CA-VOL 1 A.P.N.: 8080-012-004 NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED 02/11/2008. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. NBS Default Services, LLC, as the duly appointed Trustee, under and pursuant to the power of sale contained in that certain Deed of Trust recorded 02/20/2008 as Document No.: 20080294643, of Official Records in the office of the Recorder of Los Angeles County, California, executed by: ALBERTO GUERRERO, A WIDOWER AND RONALDO GUERRERO, AN UNMARRIED MAN, as Trustor, WILL SELL AT PUBLIC AUCTION TO THE HIGHEST BIDDER FOR CASH (payable in full at time of sale by cash, a cashier's check drawn by a state or national bank, a check drawn by a state or federal credit union, or a check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, or savings bank specified in section 5102 of the Financial Code and authorized to do business in this state). All right, title and interest conveyed to and now held by it under said Deed of Trust in the property situated in said County and state, and as more fully described in the above referenced Deed of Trust. Sale Date & Time: 02/

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Date: 01/07/2016 TITLE TRUST DEED SERVICE COMPANY, As Trustee RENDA B PEREZ, TRUSTEE CASH EQUIVALENT OR OTHER FORM OF PAYMENT AUTHORIZED BY CALIFORNIA CIVIL CODE 2924h(b), (payable at time of sale in lawful money of the United States). DATE OF SALE: 02/18/2016 TIME OF SALE: 10:00 AM PLACE OF SALE: BEHIND THE FOUNTAIN LOCATED IN CIVIC CENTER PLAZA, 400 CIVIC CENTER PLAZA, POMONA CA. STREET ADDRESS and other common designation, if any, of the real property described above is purported to be: 11223 HERMES ST, NORWALK, CA 90650-7634. The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address and other common designation, if any, shown herein. Said sale will be made, but without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum of the note(s) secured by said Deed of Trust, with interest thereon, as provided in said note(s), advances, if any, under the terms of the Deed of Trust, estimated fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee and of the trusts created by said Deed of Trust. The total amount of the unpaid balance of the obligation secured by the property to be sold and reasonable estimated costs, expenses and advances at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale is \$244,145.06. The beneficiary under said Deed of Trust heretofore executed and delivered to the undersigned a written Declaration of Default and Demand for Sale, and a written Notice of Default and Election to Sell. The undersigned caused said Notice of Default and Election to Sell to be recorded in the county where the real property is located. 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Information about postponements that are very short in duration or that occur close in time to the scheduled sale may not immediately be reflected in the telephone information or on the Internet Web site. The best way to verify postponement information is to attend the scheduled sale. Date: 01/05/2016 National Default Servicing Corporation c/o Tiffany and Bosco, P.A., its agent, 1230 Columbia Street, Suite 680 San Diego, CA 92101 Toll Free Phone: 888-264-4010 Sales Line 714-730-2727; Sales Website: [www.ndscorp.com/sales](http://www.ndscorp.com/sales) Zahara Joyner, Trustee Sales Representative A-4557738 01/14/2016, 01/21/2016, 01/28/2016

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Date: 01/07/2016 TITLE TRUST DEED SERVICE COMPANY, As Trustee RENDA B PEREZ, TRUSTEE CASH EQUIVALENT OR OTHER FORM OF PAYMENT AUTHORIZED BY CALIFORNIA CIVIL CODE 2924h(b), (payable at time of sale in lawful money of the United States). DATE OF SALE: 02/18/2016 TIME OF SALE: 10:00 AM PLACE OF SALE: BEHIND THE FOUNTAIN LOCATED IN CIVIC CENTER PLAZA, 400 CIVIC CENTER PLAZA, POMONA CA. STREET ADDRESS and other common designation, if any, of the real property described above is purported to be: 11223 HERMES ST, NORWALK, CA 90650-7634. The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address and other common designation, if any, shown herein. 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T.S. No.: 9551-4533 TSG Order No.: 150189459-CA-VOL A.P.N.: 8019-023-018 NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED 10/26/2006. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. NDEX West, L.L.C., as duly appointed Trustee under and pursuant to Deed of Trust Recorded on 03/29/2007 as Instrument No. 20070735287 of official records in the office of the County Recorder of LOS ANGELES County, State of CALIFORNIA, EXECUTED BY: MARGARITA MARTINEZ AND RICHARD C. MCCLLOUD, WILL SELL AT PUBLIC AUCTION TO HIGHEST BIDDER FOR CASH, CASHIER'S CHECK/CASH EQUIVALENT OR OTHER FORM OF PAYMENT AUTHORIZED BY CALIFORNIA CIVIL CODE 2924h(b), (payable at time of sale in lawful money of the United States). DATE OF SALE: 02/18/2016 TIME OF SALE: 10:00 AM PLACE OF SALE: BEHIND THE FOUNTAIN LOCATED IN CIVIC CENTER PLAZA, 400 CIVIC CENTER PLAZA, POMONA CA. STREET ADDRESS and other common designation, if any, of the real property described above is purported to be: 11223 HERMES ST, NORWALK, CA 90650-7634. The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address and other common designation, if any, shown herein. Said sale will be made, but without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum of the note(s) secured by said Deed of Trust, with interest thereon, as provided in said note(s), advances, if any, under the terms of the Deed of Trust, estimated fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee and of the trusts created by said Deed of Trust. The total amount of the unpaid balance of the obligation secured by the property to be sold and reasonable estimated costs, expenses and advances at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale is \$244,145.06. The beneficiary under said Deed of Trust heretofore executed and delivered to the undersigned a written Declaration of Default and Demand for Sale, and a written Notice of Default and Election to Sell. The undersigned caused said Notice of Default and Election to Sell to be recorded in the county where the real property is located. NOTICE TO POTENTIAL BIDDERS: If you are considering bidding on this property lien, you should understand that there are risks involved in bidding at a trustee auction. You will be bidding on a lien, not on the property itself. Placing the highest bid at a trustee auction does not automatically entitle you to free and clear ownership of the property. You should also be aware that the lien being auctioned off may be a junior lien. If you are the highest bidder at the auction, you are or may be responsible for paying off all liens senior to the lien being auctioned off, before you can receive clear title to the property. You are encouraged to investigate the existence, priority, and size of outstanding liens that may exist on this property by contacting the county recorder's office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge you a fee for this information. If you consult either of these resources, you should be aware that the same lender may hold more than one mortgage or deed of trust on the property. NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNER: The sale date shown on this notice of sale may be postponed one or more times by the mortgagee, beneficiary, trustee, or a court, pursuant to Section 2924g of the California Civil Code. The law requires that information about trustee sale postponements be made available to you and to the public, as a courtesy to those not present at the sale. If you wish to learn whether your sale date has been postponed, and if applicable, the rescheduled time and date for the sale of this property, you may call 714-730-2727 or 916-939-0772 for information regarding the trustee's sale, or visit this Internet Web site [www.ndscorp.com/sales](http://www.ndscorp.com/sales), using the file number assigned to this case 15-01236-CI-CA. Information about postponements that are very short in duration or that occur close in time to the scheduled sale may not immediately be reflected in the telephone information or on the Internet Web site. The best way to verify postponement information is to attend the scheduled sale. Date: 01/05/2016 National Default Servicing Corporation c/o Tiffany and Bosco, P.A., its agent, 1230 Columbia Street, Suite 680 San Diego, CA 92101 Toll Free Phone: 888-264-4010 Sales Line 714-730-2727; Sales Website: [www.ndscorp.com/sales](http://www.ndscorp.com/sales) Zahara Joyner, Trustee Sales Representative A-4557738 01/14/2016, 01/21/2016, 01/28/2016

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**The Downey Patriot 1/21/16, 1/28/16, 2/4/16**  
Trustee Sale No.: 20110015005170 Title Order No.: 110461140 FHA/VA/PMI No.: NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST, DATED 05/07/2007. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. NDEX West, L.L.C., as duly appointed Trustee under and pursuant to Deed of Trust Recorded on 05/15/2007 as Instrument No. 20071175404 of official records in the office of the County Recorder of LOS ANGELES County, State of CALIFORNIA, EXECUTED BY: GUILLERMINA JIMENEZ, WILL SELL AT PUBLIC AUCTION TO HIGHEST BIDDER FOR CASH, CASHIER'S CHECK/CASH EQUIVALENT OR OTHER FORM OF PAYMENT AUTHORIZED BY CALIFORNIA CIVIL CODE 2924h(b), (payable at time of sale in lawful money of the United States). DATE OF SALE: 02/18/2016 TIME OF SALE: 10:00 AM PLACE OF SALE: BEHIND THE FOUNTAIN LOCATED IN CIVIC CENTER PLAZA, 400 CIVIC CENTER PLAZA, POMONA CA. STREET ADDRESS and other common designation, if any, of the real property described above is purported to be: 14322 BEXX AVE, NORWALK, CALIFORNIA 90650 APN#: 8072-017-009 The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address and other common designation, if any, shown herein. Said sale will be made, but without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum of the note(s) secured by said Deed of Trust, with interest thereon, as provided in said note(s), advances, under the terms of said Deed of Trust, fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee and of the trusts created by said Deed of Trust. The total amount of the unpaid balance of the obligation secured by the property to be sold and reasonable estimated costs, expenses and advances at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale is \$367,928.36. The beneficiary under said Deed of Trust heretofore executed and delivered to the undersigned a written Declaration of Default and Demand for Sale, and a written Notice of Default and Election to Sell. The undersigned caused said Notice of Default and Election to Sell to be recorded in the county where the real property is located. NOTICE TO POTENTIAL BIDDERS: If you are considering bidding on this property lien, you should understand that there are risks involved in bidding at a trustee auction. You will be bidding on a lien, not on the property itself. Placing the highest bid at a trustee auction does not automatically entitle you to free and clear ownership of the property. You should also be aware that the lien being auctioned off may be a junior lien. If you are the highest bidder at the auction, you are or may be responsible for paying off all liens senior to the lien being auctioned off, before you can receive clear title to the property. 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NBS Default Services, LLC, Kim Coker, Foreclosure Associate This communication is an attempt to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. However, if you have received a discharge of the debt referenced herein in a bankruptcy proceeding, this is not an attempt to impose personal liability upon you for payment of that debt. In the event you have received a bankruptcy discharge, any action to enforce the debt will be taken against the property only. LEGAL DESCRIPTION LOT 133 TRAC NO. 13788, CITY OF NORWALK, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES STATE OF CALIFORNIA, AS PER MAP RECORDED IN BOOK 378, PAGE(S) 15 AND 16 OF MAPS, IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY RECORDER OF SAID COUNTY, NPP0269664 TO: THE DOWNEY PATRIOT 01/21/2016, 01/28/2016, 02/04/2016

01/28/2016, 02/04/2016  
**The Downey Patriot 1/21/16, 1/28/16, 2/4/16**

TSG No.: 6693561 TS No.: CA1200244387 FHA/VA/PMI No.: APN: 8023-015-011 Property Address: 12207 CREWE STREET NORWALK, CA 90650 NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST, DATED 05/14/2007. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. On 01/07/2016 at 10:00 A.M. First American Title Insurance Company, as duly appointed Trustee under and pursuant to Deed of Trust recorded 05/22/2007, as Instrument No. 20071237324, in book , , of Official Records in the office of the County Recorder of LOS ANGELES County, State of California. Executed by: LUIS FERNANDO CORDOVA MARISOL ZAMUDIO, HUSBAND AND WIFE AS JOINT TENANTS, WILL SELL AT PUBLIC AUCTION TO HIGHEST BIDDER FOR CASH, CASHIER'S CHECK/CASH EQUIVALENT OR other form of payment authorized by 2924h(b), (Payable at time of sale in lawful money of the United States) Behind the fountain located in Civic Center Plaza, 400 Civic Center Plaza, Pomona CA All right, title and interest conveyed to and now held by it under said Deed of Trust in the property situated in said County and State described as: AS MORE FULLY DESCRIBED IN THE ABOVE MENTIONED DEED OF TRUST APN# 8025-015-011 The street address and other common designation, if any, of the real property described above is purported to be: 12207 CREWE STREET, NORWALK, CA 90650 The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address and other common designation, if any, shown herein. Said sale will be made, but without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum of the note(s) secured by said Deed of Trust, with interest thereon, as provided in said note(s), advances, under the terms of said Deed of Trust, fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee and of the trusts created by said Deed of Trust. The total amount of the unpaid balance of the obligation secured by the property to be sold and reasonable estimated costs, expenses and advances at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale is \$547,198.73. The beneficiary under said Deed of Trust has deposited all documents evidencing the obligations secured by the Deed of Trust and has declared all sums secured thereby immediately due and payable, and has caused a written Notice of Default and Election to Sell to be executed. 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Date: First American Title Insurance Company 6 Campus Cir, Bldg 6, 1st Floor Westlake, TX 76262 First American Title Insurance Company MAY BE ACTING AS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED MAY BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE FOR TRUSTEE'S SALE INFORMATION PLEASE CALL (916)939-0772NPP0269184 TO: THE DOWNEY PATRIOT 01/07/2016, 01/14/2016, 01/21/2016

**The Downey Patriot 1/17/16, 1/14/16, 1/21/16**  
NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE T.S. No. 15-01236-CI-CA Title No. 150221974-CA-VOL A.P.N. 8052-017-103 ATTENTION RECORDER: THE FOLLOWING REFERENCE TO AN ATTACHED SUMMARY IS APPLICABLE TO THE NOTICE PROVIDED TO THE TRUSTOR ONLY PURSUANT TO CIVIL CODE 2923.3 NOTE: THERE IS A SUMMARY OF THE INFORMATION IN THIS DOCUMENT ATTACHED YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED 02/06/2007. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash cashier's check(s) must be made payable to National Default Servicing Corporation), drawn on a state or

national bank, a check drawn by a state or federal credit union, or a check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, savings association, or savings bank specified in Section 5102 of the Financial Code and authorized to do business in this state; will be held by the duly appointed trustee as shown below, of all right, title, and interest conveyed to and now held by the trustee in the hereinafter described property under and pursuant to a Deed of Trust described below. The sale will be made in an "as is" condition, but without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum of the note(s) secured by the Deed of Trust, with interest and late charges thereon, as provided in the note(s), advances, under the terms of the Deed of Trust, interest thereon, fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee for the total amount (at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale) reasonably estimated to be set forth below. The amount may be greater on the day of sale. Trustor: Ana Maria Bautista, a single woman Duly Appointed Trustee: National Default Servicing Corporation Recorded 02/15/2007 as Instrument No. 20070331748 (or Book, Page) of the Official Records of Los Angeles County, California. Date of Sale: 02/17/2016 at 11:00 AM Place of Sale: By the fountain located at 400 Civic Center Plaza, Pomona, CA 91766 Estimated amount of unpaid balance and other charges: \$258,564.43 Street Address or other common designation of real property: 14095 Bayside Dr, Norwalk, CA 90650-3402 A.P.N.: 8052-017-103 The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address or other common designation, if any, shown above. If no street address or other common designation is shown, directions to the location of the property may be obtained by sending a written request to the beneficiary within 10 days of the date of first publication of this Notice of Sale. If the Trustee is unable to convey title for any reason, the successful bidder's sole and exclusive remedy shall be the return of monies paid to the Trustee, and the successful bidder shall have no further recourse. The requirements of California Civil Code Section 2923.5(b)/2923.55(c) were fulfilled when the Notice of Default was recorded. NOTICE TO POTENTIAL BIDDERS: If you are considering bidding on this property lien, you should understand that there are risks involved in bidding at a trustee auction. You will be bidding on a lien, not on the property itself. Placing the highest bid at a trustee auction does not automatically entitle you to free and clear ownership of the property. You should also be aware that the lien being auctioned off may be a junior lien. If you are the highest bidder at the auction, you are or may be responsible for paying off all liens senior to the lien being auctioned off, before you can receive clear title to the property. You are encouraged to investigate the existence, priority, and size of outstanding liens that may exist on this property by contacting the county recorder's office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge you a fee for this information. If you consult either of these resources, you should be aware that the same lender may hold more than one mortgage or deed of trust on the property. NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNER: The sale date shown on this notice of sale may be postponed one or more times by the mortgagee, beneficiary, trustee, or a court, pursuant to Section 2924g of the California Civil Code. The law requires that information about trustee sale postponements be made available to you and to the public, as a courtesy to those not present at the sale. If you wish to learn whether your sale date has been postponed, and if applicable, the rescheduled time and date for the sale of this property, you may call 714-730-2727 or visit this Internet Web site [www.ndscorp.com/sales](http://www.ndscorp.com/sales), using the file number assigned to this case 15-01236-CI-CA. Information about postponements that are very short in duration or that occur close in time to the scheduled sale may not immediately be reflected in the telephone information or on the Internet Web site. The best way to verify postponement information is to attend the scheduled sale. Date: 01/05/2016 National Default Servicing Corporation c/o Tiffany and Bosco, P.A., its agent, 1230 Columbia Street, Suite 680 San Diego, CA 92101 Toll Free Phone: 888-264-4010 Sales Line 714-730-2727; Sales Website: [www.ndscorp.com/sales](http://www.ndscorp.com/sales) Zahara Joyner, Trustee Sales Representative A-4557738 01/07/2016, 01/14/2016, 01/21/2016

**The Downey Patriot 1/17/16, 1/14/16, 1/21/16**  
NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE T.S. No. 15-31516-BA-CA Title No. 15-0018142 A.P.N. 6366-024-009 ATTENTION RECORDER: THE FOLLOWING REFERENCE TO AN ATTACHED SUMMARY IS APPLICABLE TO THE NOTICE PROVIDED TO THE TRUSTOR ONLY PURSUANT TO CIVIL CODE 2923.3 NOTE: THERE IS A SUMMARY OF THE INFORMATION IN THIS DOCUMENT ATTACHED YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED

01/11/2007. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. A public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash, (cashier's check(s) must be made payable to National Default Servicing Corporation), drawn on a state or national bank, check drawn by a state or federal credit union, or a check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, savings association, or savings bank specified in Section 5102 of the Financial Code and authorized to do business in this state; will be held by the duly appointed trustee as shown below, of all right, title, and interest conveyed to and now held by the trustee in the hereinafter described property under and pursuant to a Deed of Trust described below. The sale will be made in an "as is" condition, but without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum of the note(s) secured by the Deed of Trust, with interest and late charges thereon, as provided in the note(s), advances, under the terms of the Deed of Trust, interest thereon, fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee for the total amount (at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale) reasonably estimated to be set forth below. The amount may be greater on the day of sale. Trustor: Leslie Langlois, a married man as his sole and separate property Duly Appointed Trustee: National Default Servicing Corporation Recorded 01/29/2007 as Instrument No. 20070183415 (or Book, Page) of the Official Records of Los Angeles County, California. Date of Sale: 02/05/2016 at 11:00 AM Place of Sale: By the fountain located at 400 Civic Center Plaza, Pomona, CA 91766 Estimated amount of unpaid balance and other charges: \$98,925.38 Street Address or other common designation of real property: 7507 Glencliff Drive, Downey, CA 90240-2648 A.P.N.: 6366-024-009 The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address or other common designation, if any, shown above. If no street address or other common designation is shown, directions to the location of the property may be obtained by sending a written request to the beneficiary within 10 days of the date of first publication of this Notice of Sale. If the Trustee is unable to convey title for any reason, the successful bidder's sole and exclusive remedy shall be the return of monies paid to the Trustee, and the successful bidder shall have no further recourse. 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**The Downey Patriot 1/14/16, 1/21/16, 1/28/16**

# Stauffer Middle School finishes first at robotics competition

**DOWNEY** – On Dec. 19, Griffiths Middle School hosted Downey Unified's third VEX Robotics Competition titled, "VEX Engineers of the Future – Middle School Tournament."

Held inside the Warren High School gymnasium, 24 various middle school robotics teams came to Downey to compete in the first Engineers of the Future Tournament that will be held annually.

Similar to the last two robotics competitions held by Downey Unified, the goal was for an alliance of two robots to work collaboratively to launch foam balls into nets located on the corners of a 12-by-12 ft. arena. With a total of six Downey Unified teams, Griffiths and Stauffer middle schools were each represented by three teams.

Receiving the Tournament of Champions award by taking first place was the Spartan Design Alpha and Stauffer Design Gamma from Stauffer Middle School. This victory has qualified the robotics teams from Stauffer into the U.S. Robotics Championship in April. Held in Iowa, this competition is an opportunity for the top VEX Robotics teams from across the world to compete with the best of the best.

Other notable awards that Downey Unified received during this competition were the Design and Judges awards. Both received by two teams from Griffiths Middle School, the Design award was given to a team with a professional design approach and the Judges award was given to the team that was recognized by the judges for attaining special accomplishments during the tournament.

"It is remarkable how quickly our middle school robotics programs have grown over the past year thanks to our dedicated teachers," expressed Downey Unified's superintendent Dr. John Garcia. "Their passion for pushing students in developing their engineering and robotics skills will have a direct impact on their future; preparing our students to be globally competitive as they continue with their Downey Unified education."

On Jan. 23, Stauffer Middle School will be sending their robotics teams to the SkillsUSA

Regional Competition to compete in the Mobile Robotics Competition and the Middle School Team Engineering Challenge. This will only be a handful of the nearly 400 Downey Unified students that will be competing in this regional competition at the end of the month.

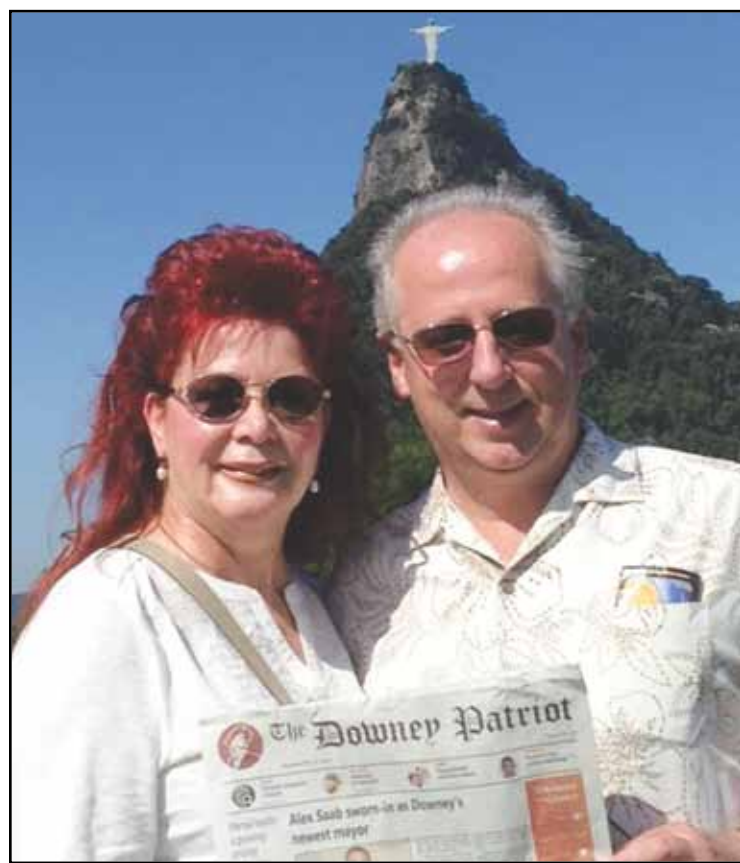
Classroom STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) concepts are put to the test on the playing field as students learn lifelong skills in teamwork, leadership, communications and more. Tournaments are held year-round at the regional, state, and national levels; local champions go on to compete against the best in the world at the VEX Robotics World Championship each April.

In addition to having a great time and building robots, through their participation in the VEX Robotics Competition and their work within their team, students learn many academic and life skills, better preparing them to be college and career ready, globally competitive and citizens of strong character.

The VEX Robotics Competition, presented by the Robotics Education & Competition Foundation, is the ultimate STEM activity for middle and high school students. Each year an engineering challenge is presented in the form of a game. Students, with guidance from their teachers and mentors, use the VEX Robotics Design System to build innovative robots designed to score the most points possible in qualification matches, elimination matches and skills challenges.



Stauffer Middle School qualified for the U.S. Robotics Championship after winning a local robotics tournament last month.



Randy and Rica Van Ausdall, residents of Downey since 1991, spent Christmas in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. Their tour guide, Valeria, was born in Brazil and said this was the first time the Christ The Redeemer statue was decorated for Christmas.



Downey resident Robert Jajola recently traveled halfway around the world to Kalibo, Philippines. Robert's mother, Bea Jajola, is the office manager at Doty Middle School.



Downey High School SkillsUSA chapter donated Christmas gifts for DUSD's TLC program. The Skills club at Downey High fundraises throughout the year in order to attend competitions but they "also have a caring heart to share with students in need."

The VEX Robotics Design System offers students an exciting platform for learning about areas rich with career opportunities spanning in STEM. These are just a few of the many fields students can explore by creating with VEX Robotics technology. Beyond science and engineering principles, a VEX Robotics project encourages teamwork, leadership and problem solving among groups. It also allows educators to easily customize projects to meet the level

of students' abilities. The affordable VEX platform is expanding rapidly and is now found in middle schools, high schools and university labs around the globe.

This is the fourth competition that robotics teams within Downey Unified have competed in; there will be a total of seven competitions entered by the end of this school year.

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